



STARS AND STRIPES®

Volume 67, No. 310 ©SS 2009 J

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

平成19年4月5日 第三種郵便物認可 取扱料: 月額18,212円(2008年10月)

発行所: 星条旗新聞社 〒106-0032 東京都港区六本木7丁目23番17号

50¢

A family broken by war

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

Spc. William Medlin is cooking himself some bacon and eggs in his unexpected new home, the barracks.

When he left for Iraq 14 months earlier, he lived in a house with a wife and three kids. That's all over now.

"We grew apart," Medlin said. "My outlook on life changed a little bit. I re-enlisted for six years because [being a soldier] is what I love. I guess it didn't suit."

He's in the kitchenette, just steps away from the bedroom, with its single bed and a bottle of Crown Royal on the windowsill. It's a week since he got back from Iraq.

"She became more independent. I became more independent. There wasn't no yelling or anything else. We just talked, and we noticed we grew apart," he said.

SEE MEDLIN ON PAGE 4



DAY FOUR OF A FIVE-DAY SERIES

Family learns to live together for the first time Page 3

Dreams dashed

- St. Mary's edges Yokota for Boys Far East Class AA title
- Faith earns fifth Girls Class AA title with win over Seoul American

Back page



Yokota's Keron Brown



Faith Academy's Liz Hardeman

Giving back

USS Essex sailor recovering after donating bone marrow to terminally ill child

Page 5

Spc. William Medlin sips coffee in his barracks in Fort Drum, N.Y., in October. Medlin, assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, left Fort Drum as a newly married man in fall 2007 on a deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq. He returned home separated from his wife.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is a paper that should be paid attention to by the military and intelligence agencies for some of the ideas. But it's not going to be a case of, 'X marks the spot, there's Osama bin Laden.'"

—Kim Rossmo, director of the Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation at Texas State University, discussing using geographic profiling to "find" bin Laden

See story on Page 10



No end for thumb drive ban near

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Don't expect a letup in the global war on thumb drives.

In November the Defense Department banned the use of removable storage devices and flash media on government computers.

Wired Magazine reported the move came after the worm virus Agent.btz was discovered on some department networks, and was believed spread through the portable drives.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Thursday he does not have a timetable to reverse the ban, which includes thumb drives, memory sticks and camera flash cards.

"I do not see the thumb drives going back here in the immediate future," Mullen said.

During a town hall meeting with soldiers, Mullen said the restrictions were put in place to protect Defense Department systems from a growing cyber threat.

"One of the ways these worms move around is you just take your thumb drive, which is in your unclassified computer, and all you gotta do is plug it into a classified computer," Mullen said.

"The potential there from a national security perspective is huge."

The "Agent.btz" virus degrades computer performance by copying itself to multiple programs, slowing the system.

External hard disk drives, CDs and DVDs are not included in the ban. It also does not affect personal laptops or home computers.

E-mail Jeff Schogol at: jeffrey.schogol@stripes.osd.mil

Mullen seeks clarity on concussion standards

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff wants to know if there is a limit to the number of concussions that servicemembers can suffer before they become nondeployable.

"There clearly are situations where individuals are exposed to numerous explosions and numerous potential [concussions], and I think the question is, is there a limit, or should there be a limit," Adm. Mike Mullen said Friday during his visit to Fort Campbell, Ky.

Of the troops suffering from traumatic brain injury and psychological injuries who are treated at Fort Campbell, about 77 percent improve to the point where they can return to duty, while 23 percent do not, Army medical officials said.

Mullen plans to ask his staff whether limiting the number of concussions servicemembers can receive while deployed can reduce the number of troops whose resulting injuries prevent them from returning to duty.

Earlier in the day, Mullen asked doctors if there was such a limit when he visited the TBI Resiliency and Recovery Center at Fort Campbell.

"The problem is, sir, I can tell you we have people in treatment with five and seven, and they respond wonderfully, no sequelae. We have people with one or two, they're having great difficulty, so where that number is, I can't tell you at this point," said Dr. Bret Logan, a psychiatrist and director of the center.

The NFL limits the number of concussions players can receive in a season, said Dr. (Col.) Richard Thomas, commander of the hospital at Fort Campbell.

"I think we do need to have some kind of threshold number, whatever that is, and we don't have that," Thomas said.



MEL EVANS/AP

U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addresses Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., on Feb. 5. Mullen is trying to determine how many concussions a servicemember can sustain before becoming medically undeployable.

In a separate matter, Mullen said he uses the acronym "PTS" instead of "PTSD" when referring to combat stress because he feels the word "disorder" is degrading.

Mullen stressed the need to eliminate the stigma attached to psychological wounds.

"I've had too many young —

mostly, but not exclusively — soldiers and Marines, they're not happy with the term 'disorder,'" Mullen said. "I understand 'disorder' is a medical term, and I understand why it's there, but I just choose not to use it."

E-mail Jeff Schogol at: jeffrey.schogol@stripes.osd.mil

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised.

Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonment factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

COMING FRIDAY

Shifting Gears



Spider web
in the fuel line?
Click and Clack
advice

TODAY IN STRIPES

Advice	20
American Roundup	16-17
Classified	22-23
Comics	18-20
Crossword	19
Faces	11
Horoscope	18
Letters/Opinion	14-15
Science & Medicine	12
Sports	24-32
Sudoku	18
Weather	21
Your Money	13

This newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military services overseas. However, the contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government. As a DOD newspaper, Stars and Stripes may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote locations where overseas DOD personnel are located.

SPRING ESCAPADE TOURS ON SALE NOW Fun Tours™

April 4th-12th, 2009

- ★ Southern Trail of Australia
- ★ Adventure Cairns
- ★ Classic Vietnam



Sign up now!

April 4th-12th, 2009

- ★ Angkor Wat and Ho Chi Minh Discovery
- ★ Taiwan Around Island Tour
- ★ Best of China
- ★ Discover Hong Kong & Macau
- ★ Beach and City of Thailand

Check our website for more information.



Serving you with a difference
Zama ITT

— Your reliable on-base travel concierge —



Voted Best Travel Agent
6 years in a row!



Proceeds Support Your Local Zama MWR
Phone: 263-4059/5273 Fax: 263-7507
0462-54-8896 0462-55-0356
E-mail: travel@zamaitt.com
<http://zamaitt.com>

For the first time, they're one big family

By NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

She was marrying the father of her baby, the nicest man she had ever met, who was promising to honor her and keep her. And she was terrified.

Marcetia Brown had seen generations of women struggle with the men in their lives. Her own romantic history, with one marriage behind her, had included, she said, infidelity, heartbreak and violence.

"Men change after marriage," she said. "It's like a joke in my family. I guess I believed a man could never love a woman."

So she had resisted Spc. Thomas "T.J." Brown, tried to focus on her two children from her previous marriage at age 19, and more than once tried to break it off.

"I said, 'I'm damaged goods,'" she recalled. "I can't be your friend anymore."

He didn't want to let her go.

"He said he thought that I was the person he'd been praying for," she said. "He said, 'Don't you have faith in God?'"

They married in July 2007, just before he deployed with the Triple Deuce, when he insisted that "he didn't want to go over there without being married," Marcetia said.

She'd agreed. Because T.J. was Marcetia's hero, just as she was, for him, heaven-sent.

"He was the only person in my life who could ever calm me down," said Marcetia, a thoughtful, attractive 30-year-old. "He's the only person

I've ever been able to depend on. The way he looks at stuff — I want to be like him."

The new family exemplifies the hope — and the challenges — of many military families struggling with the loneliness and separation of deployments, followed by the adjustments and compromises of learning to live together when the deployment ends and the soldier returns.

Although the Browns have known each other for years, through two deployments and many ups and downs, living together will be something new for them.

"The truth is we've never lived under the same roof for more than a couple of months," Marcetia said just before her husband returned.

Under the roof of the family's sparsely furnished apartment 20 minutes from Fort Drum are Malik, 3, whom Marcetia had with T.J. after getting pregnant during his R&R

the first time he deployed to Iraq; Justin, 7, and Jasmine, 11.

Brown, now a sergeant, also has a child from a previous relationship, who lives with his ex-girlfriend.

Jasmine, more serious and mature than most girls her age, said she misses her father, who's in the Air Force and whom she and Justin visit a few times a year. And she said she worried about her new stepfather's return.

"I prefer him not here, because I have a little more freedom," she said.

But she had also noticed an upside to T.J. being around.

"I have a little less responsibility when he's here," she said. "Mom is a little more laid back when he's here."

The couple kept in close contact during the deployment.

SEE BROWN ON PAGE 4



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

The Brown family on an Oct. 5 outing at Old McDonald's Farm in Sackets Harbor, near Fort Drum, N.Y. Three-year-old Malik sits at the wheel of the tractor as Justin, 7, Marcetia, in back, and Jasmine, 11, look on.



A FIVE-DAY SERIES WITH THE SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF THE TRIPLE DEUCE

COMING HOME

To follow along with the Coming Home series, including more photos and audio slideshows, go to stripes.com



FRIDAY

The men of Triple Deuce: Closer than brothers in the Army family

SATURDAY

A truck bomb shatters the calm and bonds the brothers anew

SUNDAY

The joy and education of coming home

TODAY

The heartache and hope of life after war

TUESDAY

The lawyer turns protester, and the medic becomes a dad

Over several months in 2008, Stars and Stripes reporters and photographers traveled to Iraq, Kuwait and Fort Drum, N.Y., chronicling the lives of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division — the soldiers and their families.

Brown: Trying to do better this time

BROWN, FROM PAGE 3

They e-mailed, he phoned — he even bought a cell phone so he could call her almost every day. Sometimes they got on the Internet and the phone at the same time.

"We'd look at different sites — AAFES, Target, Wal-Mart, Sears — we'd look at furniture and we'd fantasize. We can't afford it, but it's still fun."

But sometimes the phone calls were not so fun. Marcella missed him terribly, she said. She cried at night. She felt so alone — married but still a single parent — and that she had far too much to do. But instead of feeling sad, she got mad.

"Every time he called, I had an attitude," she said. "I was really nasty."

"He said, 'Listen: You're stronger than this. Why are you acting like this?'" Marcella said. "It was just what I needed to snap out of it."

During T.J.'s 14-month deployment with the Triple Deuce, the newlyweds talked often about him coming home, the joy of it — and how to manage their differences.

"We want to do better this time," Marcella said.

Marcella is a licensed practical nurse who last worked in a nursing home on Long Island, where her mother lives and where she and the children lived until shortly before T.J. returned from deployment.

She's interested in self-improvement. She took a finance class, she said, to better manage the household, and she hopes to return to school to become a registered nurse. She has also read up on post-deployment issues, which helps, but does not solve, problems.

Since T.J.'s return, parenting issues have caused the most conflict, she said.

"He's too harsh. He expected them to be little porcelain dolls," she said.

So she suggested they both attend a weekly parenting class.

Now the boys are feeling more comfortable with

T.J., she said. But Jasmine is not.

"I feel like it's best to keep them separated," Marcella said. "We took family pictures and she was about to break out in tears."

It's been a cold, snowy winter. But the family didn't leave Watertown during the unit's block leave because money has been so tight. Their truck broke down recently and had to be towed.

And T.J. hasn't been immune from what are common post-deployment reactions.

"If we go to, say, Wal-Mart, he can't tolerate it for a long period. He gets anxious," Marcella said. "He still doesn't sleep through the night. He used to get up and put on the TV, and that would wake me up."

And although before T.J. returned, Marcella had talked about how much he helped around the house, that hasn't quite panned out.

"He helps out when he feels like it," she said. "He goes and chitchats with his friends."

Those things don't bother her, she said. But she was still amazed at the "serious, throw-the-rings, I-want-a-divorce fight" they had recently, and what it was about.

Marcella supported Barack Obama for president. Her husband did not.

"He accused me of wanting to vote for him just because he's black," said Marcella.

T.J. was of the opinion that Obama would not be a friend to the military, his wife said, a position she said she found both wrong and strange, because it turned out that her husband had neglected to register to vote.

The argument continued on its downward spiral.

"He accused me of wanting to leave him for Barack Obama," Marcella said.

Marcella pointed out that many, many women would leave their husbands for Barack Obama, if only they could.

E-mail Nancy Montgomery at: montgomery@estripes.osd.mil



Stars and Stripes



Stars and Stripes



Stars and Stripes

Medlin: Packing up and trucking on

MEDLIN, FROM PAGE 1

Medlin is 22, a preacher's son, one of four, from a small North Carolina town, and a proud country boy who enlisted a year after he got out of high school. He became a mortarmen. Three years ago, still a teenager, he married a woman five years older with three children — two girls and a boy, now ages 6, 9 and 11.

"I'm a sucker for kids," he said.

The couple had problems on and off, he said. Then on his R&R in February, there was more conflict.

"We kind of clashed," he said. "I wanted to stay in; she wanted to go out. I wanted to help out with the kids — I was Daddy the whole time we were together."

"I just didn't feel needed."

Medlin's wife could not be reached for comment.

During the last part of his deployment, if Medlin was off-duty, he was on the phone, other soldiers said.

"Three years — you don't just let it go," Medlin said.

When he was on-duty, life was good.

"You're going to think I'm crazy. I honestly love my job with a passion," he said. "I was lead driver, voluntarily. I just like being on point. I like being in charge of my life, and I wasn't in charge of my life with my marriage."

"People change, even here. We probably shouldn't have gotten married. It was one of those young, dumb, lustful things."

Was the Medlin marriage doomed from the start? Or was it his deployment — the separation, the changes that occurred in both people, the thoughts of others that ended it? No one can know for sure; experts say deployments are hard on many marriages but provide breathing space for others.

Medlin said he really knew his marriage was over during a phone conversation in August.

"I was back from the patrol base — she said she actually noticed big changes in me. Changes

in my personality. I don't notice them, myself. I'm a pretty straightforward person, pretty level-headed. Sometimes brutally blunt. I'm like a cougar when pushed in a corner," he said.

"She told me she was deciding whether to stay with me or not. I told her I'd get the paperwork drawn up the next day. If it's already in your mind, you've been thinking about it."

"I didn't stop caring. It just sunk in that it was over. I gotta pack up what I got and truck on."

When Medlin returned, he went to the house to get some of his things, take his car and check in.

"It was kind of ugly. There were a couple of people over there I didn't approve of," he said. "There wasn't much of a confrontation."

A couple of days after his return to Fort Drum, Medlin said, he discovered that his wife had started an Internet romance with another soldier.

"She's actually dating one of my friends," he said. "It's OK. I'm trying to be the bigger person."

And he also started a new romance with a woman in Syracuse that he met online. She came to the welcome-home ceremony, along with Medlin's dad. Her photo is up in his bedroom.

"She's nice and easy to talk to," he said.

It upsets him that his estranged wife is still receiving money and benefits, that she is in the house and he has to find an apartment.

"She's living in a house I'm paying for," he said. "And her boyfriend is staying over. It's very trying."

In May, Medlin is to move to Fort Stewart, Ga. When he re-enlisted, he was guaranteed a spot in air assault school and given a \$10,000 bonus. He'll be glad to be back in the South, he said, closer to his family.

As for the family he married into, he said, "We just changed, grew apart. There's nothing you can do about it."

E-mail Nancy Montgomery at: montgomery@estripes.osd.mil



BEN BLOKER/Stars and Stripes



GREG JOHNSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailor Adam Minkel tracks aircraft aboard the USS Essex on Jan. 29. Minkel traveled to the United States this month to donate bone marrow to a terminally ill child.

USS Essex sailor donates marrow

Stars and Stripes

Adam Minkel's call to save a life came in the form of an unexpected e-mail.

A 4-year-old boy was dying of a rare form of leukemia, the January message read.

Doctors were asking the USS Essex sailor to make good on a boot camp promise made nearly two years ago.

Minkel, who was on spring patrol aboard the Essex when he received the message, suddenly remembered he had signed up for the Department of Defense's bone marrow donor program when he joined the U.S. Navy.

On Jan. 30, he was whisked to Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, where he spent two weeks to undergo what can be a long and painful procedure — and one that might save a child's life.

Stars and Stripes spoke with 23-year-old Minkel via e-mail Friday while he recovered in his hometown of Redwood Falls, Minn.:

Why did you become a bone marrow donor?

I had a friend of mine lose her brother to leukemia.

How did you find out you had been matched with a patient?

They first tried to call home, and my mother said that I was stationed in Japan. Then I received an e-mail saying that I was match. At first, I totally had forgotten about it.

What did you know about the person who needed the donation?

The only information I was given was that it was a 4-year-old boy with a rare form of leukemia.

What exactly were you asked to donate?

I was asked to donate marrow from my pelvic bone.

Did donating marrow involve many shots and cause pain?

There really weren't that many shots besides having my blood taken several times.

I was under general anesthesia and the total time I was in surgery was about an hour and a half. When I woke up, there was a lot of pain, but the pain medication took care of that right away.

How is the recovery?

The recovery is going good. I still have a little pain in my back. With my body missing the marrow, I get tired easier. It will be about another two weeks until my body is fully recovered.

Did you ever have any second thoughts about donating?

I never thought twice about donating. Could anyone say no to a 4-year-old? That's someone's baby boy, their son.

Did you meet the recipient or the recipient's family?

Due to confidentiality reasons, I will not know the name of the recipient or their family until a year after the procedure.

Does it feel like you might have saved a life?

I really don't feel too special about it. Yeah, it's a nice feeling knowing that I helped someone. I just hope that someone would do the same for me.

What would you tell someone who is considering becoming a bone marrow donor?

Do it. There really is nothing to lose. You could be saving someone's life. And the medication really helps with the pain.

Has the experience changed you in any way?

Kind of, I guess. It's helped me to realize not to take loved ones for granted. You never know when something could happen.

Navy chaplain travels to Kenya for volunteer work

BY TIM WIGHTMAN

Stars and Stripes

Nothing Navy Lt. David Masterson heard beforehand could do justice to the squalor that awaited him upon his arrival in Kenya.

Masterson, Camp Fuji's command chaplain, spent all of January in the Dandora district of Nairobi, home to about one-third of the capital city's more than 3 million people. He was there as a volunteer with Kinyago-Dandora School, founded in 1987 by Kenya Children's Fund, an American group.

What he saw outside the school gates were people living in slum apartments or shacks made of sticks and mud, many with no electricity or running water. Some homes have as many as 10 people living in a single room. AIDS and crime are rampant.

A river filled with garbage and waste runs through the area and is the community's lone option for cooking, bathing or cleaning. People frequently forage through a nearby garbage dump, searching for food and anything else of use.

Masterson said he was awestruck by the scene.

"It is one thing to read about these conditions in the print media and quite another thing to experience the sights and smells of raw destitution first-hand," he said. "My eyes were opened and my heart deeply touched."

The Kinyago-Dandora School enrolls nearly 800 children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Besides education, kids at the school receive two meals a day and medical care.

Masterson worked with a team of Kenyan psychologists whose mission was to provide counseling to children suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to widespread violence that occurred in the aftermath of the 2007 Kenya elections.

Some of the children had family members who were raped, beaten or burned, the chaplain said.

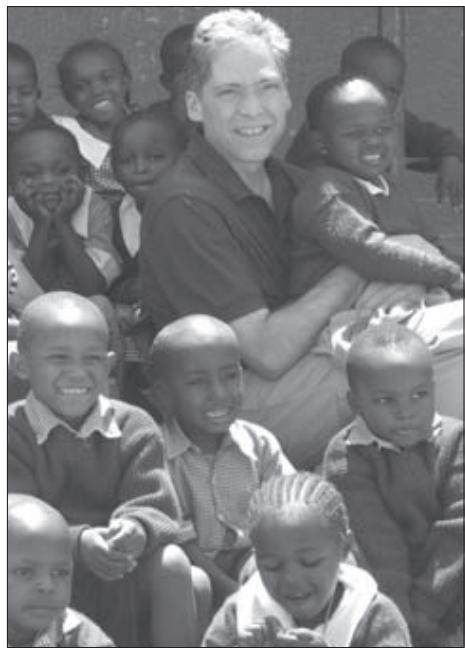
Masterson was one of nearly 20 specialists to use music and basic fellowship to help the kids share their stories and begin healing.

He said it was imperative to put aside the environment they were in if he expected to do any good.

"What's important is not to get overwhelmed by the enormity of the poverty but to focus on the potential that each child has," he said.

"We would build relationships with children one on one, look into their faces and see their desire to grow and learn."

Masterson described a bitter feeling of seeing children pressed against the gate that surrounded the school grounds — wishing they could attend. He said students couldn't be more grateful about where they were.



Courtesy of Kathy Cathey

Navy Lt. David Masterson, command chaplain at Camp Fuji, Japan, sits with children at the Kinyago-Dandora School in a slum area of Nairobi, Kenya. Masterson spent January teaching at the school and helping children suffering from PTSD.

"This is literally like a rescue mission operation," he said. "The alternative is you're in the slums basically withering in your house, or you're out in the garbage dump looking for food."

Masterson also visited a camp and assisted families displaced by the post-election violence, when hundreds of thousands fled their homes.

He called his experience in Africa "life changing" and said he would encourage any servicemember to take advantage of similar opportunities.

"Every day you go home and you're just so thankful and your heart is so happy because you know that what you did actually changed somebody's life and made a difference for them," he said. "And there's nothing more rewarding than that."

E-mail Tim Wightman at: wightmant@pstripes.osd.mil

Blue Ridge sailors lend helping hand in Philippines



SEAMAN MELESSA OAKES, A SAILOR ASSIGNED TO THE AMPHIBIOUS COMMAND SHIP USS BLUE RIDGE, TALKS TO CHILDREN FRIDAY IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, WHILE HELPING TO BUILD A PLAYGROUND DURING A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.

JOSH CASSATT
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Navy Crosses awarded to two posthumously

Marines thwarted suicide bomber in Iraq

BY TONY PERRY
Los Angeles Times

Navy Cross medals were presented Friday to the families of two Marines who were killed while thwarting a suicide bomber and saving the lives of dozens of Marines and Iraqis.

Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter and Cpl. Jonathan Yale have earned "a place of legend in Marine Corps history for generations to come," Navy Secretary Donald Winter said at an emotional ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va.

Haerter, 19, and



Haerter

Yale, 21, were killed April 22, 2008, while acting as guards outside a Marine and Iraqi police compound in Ramadi, Iraq.

The Navy Cross is the second-highest medal for bravery that can be bestowed on a Marine or sailor. Twenty-five Navy Crosses have been awarded since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

A truck laden with 2,000 pounds of explosives raced toward the gate guarded by the two. While Iraqi guards fled, Haerter and Yale continued to fire at the truck speeding directly at them.

The truck slowed and exploded, fatally injuring the two Marines and flattening



Yale



Courtesy of the Marine Corps

This photograph shows some of the destruction caused by a suicide bomber driving a truck on April 22. Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter and Cpl. Jonathan Yale were mortally wounded when the truck exploded near them, but their actions to stop it saved the lives of 50 Marines and Iraqi policemen.

nearby buildings. But upward of 50 Marines and Iraqi police inside the compound were spared.

"The explosion blew out all of the windows over 150 meters from where the blast hit," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin Tupaj. "They saved all of our lives."

Parents of some of the Marines saved by Haerter and Yale attended the ceremony expressing their gratitude to the families.

"When Nick was in Iraq, we prayed to God to protect him," said Steven Xiarhos,

father of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Xiarhos. "But in reality, it was two of his brother Marines who saved him."

Yale was part of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment, Haerter to the 1st Battalion, 9th Regiment; both based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"Although not from the same unit, they acted as one in response to the threat," Winter said.

Haerter had only just arrived in Iraq; Yale was only a few days from going home.

Lawyers to seek clemency for medic guilty of Iraqi killings

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — Lawyers say they will appeal for clemency in the case of an Army medic who was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after being found guilty of murder in the deaths of four Iraqi detainees in March 2007.

A panel of nine officers and noncommissioned officers found Sgt. Michael Leahy Jr., 26, guilty of premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder at a court-martial that ended Friday in Vilseck.

Leahy was one of three alleged shooters from Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment involved in an incident in which the four bound and blindfolded detainees were shot execution-style before their bodies were dumped in a Baghdad canal.

In addition to the prison sentence, Leahy's penalty included a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to private.

Frank Spinner, Leahy's civilian lawyer, said he will begin the appeal process.

"Our next step will be to put together a clemency package," he said, adding that the convening authority, Joint Multinational Training Command chief Brig. Gen. David R. Hogg, "can convert a life sentence to a term of years."

Spinner also said the government will likely seek Leahy's cooperation in murder cases against two other soldiers — Master Sgt. John Hatley and



Sgt. Michael Leahy Jr. smokes a cigarette during a recess in his court-martial at Vilseck, Germany.

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph P. Mayo — who also are accused of shooting the detainees.

Before the sentence was handed down, the defense called fellow soldiers, both enlisted men and officers, who had served with Leahy in combat and in garrison to testify to his character. All said he was the best medic they had ever served with.

For example, Sgt. Sauvao Olaitalosaga, who served with Leahy in Iraq, recalled an incident in which the young medic tried to save the life of a wounded soldier by inserting a breathing tube in his neck after the man was badly wounded by a roadside bomb.

Others recalled his treatment of wounded and injured Iraqi

civilians and detainees and the fact that he'd risked his life for his country, earning a Purple Heart after getting shot in the neck by an enemy sniper.

Leahy's parents and in-laws spoke of their pride in their son and son-in-law, who watched tearfully from his seat in the courtroom.

The most emotional moment came when his wife took the stand and revealed that she is six weeks pregnant. "I pray that it is a healthy pregnancy and that Michael will be there to be with me and share the experiences of our first child," she said.

In an unsworn statement Leahy apologized to his family, his unit and the Army for his actions.

"I can see it was the wrong decision," he said.

At the time of the canal killings, Company A soldiers faced daily attacks by insurgents using small arms, mortars and roadside bombs, he said.

"I was treating combat injuries almost on a daily basis — mostly Iraqis injured by other Iraqis. The company had a total of six KIAs (soldiers killed in action) — two killed by snipers, three killed by [explosively formed projectiles] and one by a deep buried [roadside bomb]," he said.

The deployment was "absolute hell," he added.

"It was one of the most scary and stressful times of my life," he said. "I don't know how I made it in one piece."

E-mail Seth Robson at: robsons@estripes.osd.mil

U.S. soldier dies while on patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said an American soldier has died while conducting a combat patrol near Baghdad.

A statement said the Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldier died Saturday. It did not provide further details.

The incident is under investigation, and the soldier's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

From The Associated Press

U.S. says 13 civilians killed during Afghanistan strikes

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
The Associated Press

targeted in the airstrikes were living in two tents in a remote area. An ethnic group of Afghans known as Kuchis travel the countryside with livestock and live in tents.

Photographs obtained by The Associated Press from the site showed the body of a young boy — bloodied and dirtied — lying on a white shroud.

In response, Brig. Gen. Michael Ryan traveled to the site to meet with Afghan elders. Investigators found weapons and ammunition at the site, but concluded that 13 civilians were killed along with three militants, the U.S. said.

The Afghan Defense Ministry condemned the civilian deaths in a statement Wednesday but noted it would take more time to implement the agreement to allow more Afghan forces accompany U.S. operations. But it urged U.S. forces to "be very careful during their operations."

The investigative team's trip to Herat came one day after the U.N. released a report saying 2,118 civilians died in the Afghan war last year, a 40 percent increase over 2007 and the most in any year since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001 that ousted the Taliban's hard-line Islamist regime.

IN THE WORLD

Pakistan: 'Permanent cease-fire' in Swat

BY SHERIN ZADA
The Associated Press

MINGORA, Pakistan — A Pakistani official said Saturday that the Taliban and the Pakistani government had agreed to a "permanent cease-fire" in the restive northwest Swat Valley.

A Taliban spokesman would not directly confirm the arrangement.

The announcement by Syed Muhammad Javed, commissioner of the Malakand region, which includes Swat, was short on details but came amid government efforts to persuade the Swat Taliban to stop fighting in return for the imposition of Islamic law in the one-time tourist haven.

It came the same day a roadside bomb targeting an oil tanker bound for NATO forces in Afghanistan killed one person elsewhere in Pakistan's northwest. Also Saturday, the mother of an American kidnapped in Pakistan's southwest released a public appeal pleading for her son's freedom.

Al-Qaida and Taliban militants have seized pockets of Pakistan's northwest regions bordering Afghanistan. In Swat, the Taliban have beheaded opponents, burned scores of girls schools and terrorized the police force to gain control of much of the valley despite a lengthy military offensive.

In a deal with a hardline cleric linked to the Taliban, the government agreed to

legal changes establishing an Islamic justice system in exchange for peace. The cleric has been in talks with Taliban fighters, who declared last Sunday that they would observe a 10-day cease-fire in a goodwill gesture.

"The government and the Taliban fighters have decided to observe a permanent cease-fire," Javed told reporters at the Swat Press Club in the valley's main city of Mingora on Saturday. "The Taliban has agreed to it and so do we."

He would not give additional details.

However, Muslim Khan, spokesman for the Swat Taliban, told The Associated Press that the group wasn't ready to announce an agreement.

"We do welcome the government's announcement of the permanent cease-fire, but as far as the cease-fire from our side we can announce it on our own, and we will do that ourselves."

Javed said the government had decided to open all boys schools and girls schools up to grade four and would provide security. He appealed to Swat residents who have fled — up to one-third of the 1.5 million population — to return.

In recent months, militants have increasingly attacked traffic on the Khyber Pass, a legendary route elsewhere in Pakistan's northwest considered critical to transporting supplies to American and NATO forces across the border in Afghanistan.

Hamas asks Obama for fair treatment in letter

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A Hamas official says he is the author of a letter to President Barack Obama asking the leader to treat Palestinians fairly and be open-minded with Hamas.

The letter was written by Ahmed Yousef, an adviser to Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh. The letter was given to U.N. officials, who passed it to Sen. John Kerry during a one-day visit to Gaza on Thursday.

Christopher Gunness, spokesman for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, said that he believed the letter was from Hamas.

Hamas is shunned by the U.S. and others as a terror group. The letter urges Obama to be open-minded in dealing with the Islamic militants.

Train-bus accident kills 10 people in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — A Slovak news agency said a train collided with a bus in central Slovakia, killing 10 people and injuring about 20 others.

The national TASR news agency said the collision occurred about 9 a.m. Saturday at a train crossing near the town of Brezno. The bus was carrying 35 people.

TASR said the injured were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment and several have serious injuries.

The report said the train derailed but its passengers escaped with minor injuries.

From The Associated Press

Clinton reassures China on economy

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chinese officials say they will expand high-level talks on economic issues to include troubling security matters as well.

The two nations also agreed Saturday to cooperate in stabilizing the global economy and combating climate change, putting aside long-standing concerns about human rights.

With the export-heavy Chinese economy reeling from the U.S. downturn, Clinton sought in meetings with Premier Wen Jiabao and other top Chinese government leaders to reassure Beijing that its massive holdings of U.S. Treasury notes and other government debt would remain a good investment.

"I appreciate greatly the Chinese government's continuing confidence in United States treasuries," Clinton said. "We have every reason to believe that the United States and China will recover." After a day of talks on her first visit to China as America's top diplomat, Clinton and Yang said a regular high-level



GREG BAKER/AP

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton chats with General Electric President Jack Wen during a visit on Saturday to the Taiyanggong Geothermal Power Plant in Beijing.

U.S.-China dialogue on economic matters would be expanded to include security issues.

Details of the dialogue are to be finalized by President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao when they meet at an economic summit in London in early April, Clinton said.

Clinton and Yang said a regular high-level U.S.-China dialogue on economic matters would be expanded to include security issues.

U.S. seeks improved ties, engagement with Syria

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The United States and Syria are exploring the possibility of better relations after years of tension — but questions remain over just how much common ground exists between the two.

In a sign that President Barack Obama may be seeking better ties, several U.S. congressmen have passed through Syria in the past few days, including Sen. John Kerry, who arrived Saturday and met with President Bashar Assad.

The State Department also announced Friday it has scheduled a meeting this week with Syria's ambassador to the U.S. to discuss differences between the two countries — the first such meeting in months.

U.S.-Syrian relations have long been tense. Damascus' support for the militant organizations Hamas and Hezbollah has drawn the ire of Washington, which has also accused Syria of allowing foreign fighters to cross into Iraq. Syria, which staunchly opposed the 2003 invasion, insists it is doing all it can to safeguard its long, porous border.

Relations soured further when the Bush administration pulled the U.S. ambassador out of Syria in 2005 to protest Syria's sus-

pected role in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Damascus denied involvement in his death, but in the uproar that followed, it was forced to withdraw its troops from Lebanon, ending a 29-year military presence.

Kerry, who heads the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, did not speak after his meetings in Syria Saturday. But during his stop in Beirut on Wednesday, Kerry said the U.S. would renew diplomacy with Syria but in return expected Syria to "change its behavior" — particularly on Iraq and Lebanon.

"But unlike the Bush administration that believed you could simply tell people what to do and walk away and wait for them to do it, we believe we have to engage in a discussion," Kerry said.

Besides Kerry, the other Congress members on separate visits were Sen. Benjamin Cardin of Maryland and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Howard Berman of California.

Syria's ambassador to Washington described the congressional visits to Damascus as being "of extreme importance and depth." But he stressed he was still waiting to see if the visits change "the manner of dialogue between us and America."

TEACH FOR UMUC IN ASIA

Join a faculty committed to helping students succeed.



Tyska Tolefree
Business and Management

As a University of Maryland University College (UMUC) faculty member teaching in an overseas military environment, you'll help prepare mature, motivated students to become tomorrow's leaders.

- Opportunities are available in a variety of disciplines
- We offer a teaching career that fits into your professional life
- UMUC is a public, non-profit university

Requirements:

- Masters Degree, minimum requirement
- 18 semester hours in teaching field, minimum requirement

For more information, visit

www.asia.umuc.edu/employment/faculty.cfm



N. Korea might test missile

BY KWANG-TAE KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea could be ready to test-fire a missile within days as satellite imagery has shown increased activity at a missile site over the past 48 hours, a respected defense publication reported.

A significant increase in launch preparations has occurred at the Musudan-ri missile site on the communist country's northeastern coast, said Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., a senior analyst at Jane's Information Group who specializes in North Korean defense and intelligence matters.

"The latest satellite images ... indicate that North Korea is preparing to launch either a prototype Taepodong 2 intermediate-range ballistic missile or a Paektusan 2 space launch vehicle within a matter of days," Jane's Defence Weekly said in a report issued Friday in London.

Washington, Seoul and Tokyo have repeatedly warned North Korea against firing a missile, saying it would trigger international sanctions. The Taepodong 2 missile is believed capable of reaching U.S. territory.

Bermudez said satellite images show the activation of launch equipment and radars, and the arrival of numer-

ous trucks and support vehicles. Support facilities for the engine test stand were undergoing expansion, the report said.

North Korea unsuccessfully launched a Taepodong 2 missile in 2006. That test alarmed the world and gave new energy to the stop-and-start diplomacy over North Korea's nuclear program. The North is believed to possess up to a dozen nuclear warheads.

Ahead of the possible launch, the U.S., Japan and South Korea have increased intelligence collection efforts, including sorties of reconnaissance aircraft and the deployment of Aegis-equipped naval vessels and specialized reconnaissance ships, the Jane's report said.

North Korea has said it has the right to "space development" — a term it has used in the past to disguise a missile test as a satellite launch. When it test-fired a shorter-range Taepodong 1 missile over Japan in 1998, it claimed to have put a satellite into orbit.

On a regional tour, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged North Korea to halt "provocative actions," noting Friday that such a missile test would violate a 2006 U.N. Security Council resolution banning the North from pursuing missile or nuclear programs.



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

South Korean police officers pass by models of mock North Korean Scud-B missiles and other South Korean missiles at the Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul earlier this month. North Korea appears to be gearing up to test-fire a long-range missile.

However, North Korea continued its harsh rhetoric toward the South on Saturday, accusing President Lee Myung-bak of "blatantly" attacking and insulting its socialist system by suggesting it was responsible for the country's food shortages.

Critics fault Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, right, for standing behind ex-Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa, center, after he seemed drunk at a conference.

KATSUHIKO KASAHARA/AP



Aso's disapproval rate climbing, poll shows

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Embattled Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso faced more pressure to resign Saturday as a poll showed more than 70 percent of respondents want him to quit and a senior politician within the ruling party questioned his ability to lead.

Aso's popularity has rapidly eroded, most recently fed by a deepening economic recession, a series of political gaffes and a perception of weak leadership.

The Asahi newspaper survey showed 71 percent of respondents want Aso to resign. The poll also found the approval rating for the Cabinet dipped to 13 percent — down 1 percentage point from two weeks ago — with the disapproval rate rising to 75 percent from 72 percent.

Sixty-four percent of respondents said they want an early election, according to the poll. Elections must be held for the powerful lower house of parliament by the end of September, but could be called at any time.

Hidenao Nakagawa, a ruling Liberal Democratic Party heavyweight and former Chief Cabinet Secretary, said Saturday that support within the party for Aso also has faded.

"Very few of us now want to head into elections under Mr.

Aso's leadership," Nakagawa told the TV Tokyo talk show. "But we'll have to wait until budget approval to decide if or when we should have a new leader or hold elections."

The approval for the budget is expected to come in April.

In another serious blow, popular former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi openly criticized Aso last week, threatening to oppose one of his key economic stimulus plans. Opposition parties also have attacked the plan as ineffective and a vote-buying attempt.

Koizumi's dissent deepened divisions within the Liberal Democratic Party, where he is still influential.

Aso came under fire for not immediately firing Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa who resigned last week over claims he seemed intoxicated during a G-7 news conference in Rome.

Japan can hardly afford another political or economic misstep. Unemployment is climbing, consumer spending is falling and companies are struggling as the economy contracts at its fastest clip in 35 years.

The Asahi, which interviewed 1,044 eligible voters Feb. 19-20 through random telephone interviews, gave no margin of error for the poll.

"Very few of us now want to head into elections under Mr.

China: Villagers beat chief over relief funds

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Farmers in earthquake-devastated southwest China beat a village chief and clashed with police last week after they claimed they were cheated out of relief subsidies, state media said.

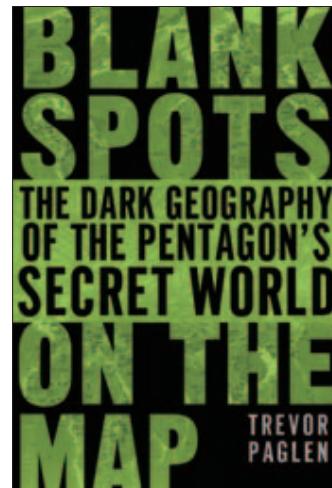
Wednesday's clash in Anxian county — one of the hardest-hit areas from last May's quake — left an unspecified number of farmers and police injured and calm was restored after 100 police were brought in, the official Xinhua News Agency said late Friday.

Xinhua reported tensions flared after five villag-

ers said they were denied subsidies and beat the head of Yongquan village. After some of the farmers were detained for the beating, 20 more villagers then surrounded the local police station.

The misuse of relief supplies and funds has been a constant problem since the 7.9-magnitude earthquake jolted Sichuan province and surrounding areas on May 12, leaving 90,000 people dead or missing and 5 million homeless. Victims said officials were giving supplies to relatives rather than to people most in need.

WIN YOUR SIGNED COPY!



Stripes Book Club, Dutton, and Penguin Group (USA) Inc. are proud to offer you a chance to win a signed copy of Trevor Paglen's adventurous, insightful, and often chilling story of a young geographer's road trip through the underworld of U.S. military and CIA "Black Ops" sites. Paglen's research into areas that officially "don't exist" leads him on a globe-trotting adventure into a vast black empire — the unmarked spots on the map, where the U.S. military conducts its most clandestine operations.

"Trevor Paglen set out to map the darkest corners of the U.S. national security apparatus. He's done that and more. The result is a fascinating, deeply troubling, and absolutely essential book."

—Andrew J. Bacevich, retired Colonel, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism*

"An expert on rendition flights." — Details

Stars and Stripes is giving away 10 signed copies of "Blank Spots On The Map" to our lucky readers.

Just email marketing@pstripes.osd.mil to enter and win.

Please include the words "BLANK SPOTS" in the subject line and be sure to include your name and full mailing address.



STRIPES BOOK CLUB



Must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. Government ID cardholder to enter and win. No purchase necessary. All entries must be received by midnight on February 28, 2009. See official rules on Stripes.com.

IN THE STATES

Nigerian man accused of \$27 million scheme

NEW YORK — Prosecutors have accused a Nigerian man of trying to swindle nearly \$27 million from an account in New York held by Ethiopia's central bank.

The U.S. Attorney's office in New York says Paul Gabriel Amos pleaded not guilty Friday to conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud.

Arrest may be close in Chandra Levy slaying

WASHINGTON — Media reports in Washington and California say that an arrest may be close in the slaying of the former federal intern whose disappearance ended Gary Condit's congressional career.

WRC in Washington and KGO, KFSN and KCRA in California say D.C. police are seeking an arrest warrant in Chandra Levy's death.

NASA delays launch of space shuttle, again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA has delayed the launch of space shuttle Discovery for a fourth time amid valve concerns.

After meeting all day Friday at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, shuttle managers decided against launching this week. The launch had been targeted for no sooner than Feb. 27.

Officials said they believe they have a realistic shot at launching Discovery to the international space station before mid-March.

Socks, Clinton's cat in the White House, dies

BALTIMORE — Socks, the White House cat during the Clinton administration who waged war on Buddy the pup, has died. He was around 18.

Socks had lived with Bill Clinton's secretary, Betty Currie, in Hollywood, Md., since the Clintons left the White House in early 2001.

Currie confirmed Socks' death Friday evening and said she was "heartbroken." She did not give details, referring calls to the Clinton Foundation office.

From The Associated Press

The story of men sent to war and those left behind...

A company of the 10th Mountain Division and those who support them tell of the longing, the sorrow, the joy of reuniting and the worry about what lies ahead.

Look for this series every day from now until Feb. 24th.

Only in your
Stars and Stripes.



Obama plans to halve deficit by 2013

BY LIZ SIDOTI
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his first term, mostly by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans and streamlining government, an administration official said Saturday as the president worked to finalize his first budget request.

Obama's proposal for the 2010 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 projects that the \$1.3 trillion deficit he inherited from former President George W. Bush will be halved to \$533 billion by 2013. That's a difference of 9.2 percent of the overall economy now versus 3 percent in four years.

He's expected to outline broad themes of his budget request Monday at a White House summit on fiscal policy and touch on it during his first speech to Congress on Tuesday evening.



Obama

President rejects new motorists tax

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday rejected his transportation secretary's suggestion that the administration consider taxing motorists based on how many miles they drive instead of how much gasoline they buy.

"It is not and will not be the policy of the Obama administration," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters, when asked for the president's thoughts about Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's suggestion, raised in an interview.

Obama: Tax cuts will be felt by April 1

Washington — How soon will Americans start reaping the benefits of tax cuts? By April 1, according to President Barack Obama. "Never before in our history has a tax cut taken effect faster or gone to so many hardworking Americans," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

He said the Treasury Department has begun directing employers to reduce the amount of taxes withheld from people's paychecks and that a typical family will start taking home at least \$65 more every month.

From The Associated Press

W. Bush will be halved to \$533 billion by 2013. That's a difference of 9.2 percent of the overall economy now versus 3 percent in four years.

He's expected to outline broad themes of his budget request Monday at a White House summit on fiscal policy and touch on it during his first speech to Congress on Tuesday evening.

He is slated to officially send it to Congress on Thursday — little more than a week after signing into law his gigantic \$797 billion economic measure that aims to jolt the country out of recession and that certainly will add to the nation's skyrocketing national debt.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, he said his budget

will be "sober in its assessments, honest in its accounting, and lays out in detail my strategy for investing in what we need, cutting what we don't, and restoring fiscal discipline."

The official who disclosed the details spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president has not yet released his budget plan.

Small Oregon bank is 14th to fail this year stateside

BY MADLEN READ
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regulators on Friday closed Silver Falls Bank in Silverton, Ore. — the 14th federally insured institution to fail this year, and the second based in Oregon.

Silver Falls Bank, a community bank that opened in May 2000, had \$131.4 million in assets and \$116.3 million in deposits as of Feb. 9. The last Oregon-based bank to close was Beaverton-based Pinnacle Bank, earlier this month.

Citizens Bank of Corvallis, Ore., is assuming Silver Falls Bank's deposits. It also is taking over its three branches and buying about

\$13 million in assets, including cash, securities and overdraft loans.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., appointed receiver of Silver Falls Bank, will retain the bank's remaining assets.

The FDIC estimated that the cost of Silver Falls Bank's failure to the federal deposit insurance fund will be \$50 million. Regular deposit accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

The bank failure wave began last year, when 25 U.S. banks were seized by regulators — more than in the previous five years combined. As home prices plunge and layoffs escalate, banks have seen loan defaults soar. And the trend has only been worsening as the

recession deepens.

The FDIC has estimated that through 2013, the deposit insurance fund will lose as much as \$40 billion, including an \$8.9 billion loss from the failure of IndyMac Bank last July. To replenish the fund — which now stands at a five-year low of about \$35 billion — the agency has raised the insurance premiums banks and thrifts must pay.

Of the roughly 8,500 federally insured banks and thrifts, the FDIC had 171 on its confidential list of troubled institutions as of Sept. 30. That was a nearly 50 percent jump from the second quarter and the highest tally since late 1995.

American whose in-law is tied to terrorism arrested in Calif.

BY CAROL J. WILLIAMS
AND CHRISTINE HANLEY
Los Angeles Times

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A Tustin, Calif., man of Afghan origin who failed to mention in his application for U.S. citizenship that his brother-in-law is designated as an al-Qaida terrorist appeared in federal court Friday to answer charges that could send him to prison for 35 years.

Ahmadullah Sais Niazi's detention hearing in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana was postponed until Tuesday because of an attorney scheduling conflict, but the 34-year-old defendant used the occasion to accuse federal agents of trying to force him to become an informant.

"I was blackmailed. I did not do what they told me to do," he told reporters in the courtroom, explaining what he saw as the motive for his arrest. "I want justice. I want fairness.

... The people need to know."

Federal agents descended at dawn on the small tract home in Tustin where Niazi has lived for at least eight years with his wife and three young children.

He submitted quietly to the arrest, and stunned neighbors watched for three hours as agents, some in body armor, searched the single-story house for evidence that Niazi lied to government officials about his background and foreign travel.

Every Day Until Feb. 24

STARS AND STRIPES®

COMING HOME

Police search rooms at the Motel 6 in early February in Jeffersonville, Ind., after two police officers were shot while responding to a call at the motel. A suspect in the shooting was found dead Friday.

BRIAN BOHANNON/AP



Suspect in Indiana shooting found dead after standoff

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man suspected of shooting two Indiana police officers in an ambush was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot Friday night, hours after he had barricaded himself in a Louisville house.

Negotiators tried all day to end the standoff peacefully, but the suspect was found dead at 8:45 p.m. after he shot himself, said Louisville Metro Police spokesman Robert Biven. Police had deployed gas inside the house around that time, Biven said.

Police had earlier said the suspect in the house was Robert Datillo, 37, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Datillo was wanted by investigators probing the shootings of the officers at a motel Thursday in southern Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Louisville. Both officers were in stable condition Friday.

"It's always to our interests to have the person come out. Unfortunately, this person decided to take his own life," Biven said.

Police had said Datillo indicated he was armed during the daylong standoff. A SWAT team, hostage negotiators and federal agents had descended on the neighborhood around 10:30 a.m. after a vehicle believed linked to the shootings was seen there, said Alicia Smiley, a Louisville police spokeswoman.

In southern Indiana, police questioned two other men about the shootings and later released them, saying they were no longer considered suspects in the shooting. However, Jeffersonville, Ind., Detective Todd Hollis said police hadn't ruled out charges at a later date for Vincent Windell Jr., 22, and Kyle Bieber, 19, Datillo's nephew.

The two men acknowledged they had at some point Thursday been in the motel room where Jeffersonville Cpl. Dan Lawhorn, 39, and Patrolman Keith Broady, 32, were shot, Hollis said.

The ordeal began that evening when the officers went to a Motel 6 in the Indiana city, which is just across the Ohio River from Louisville, to investigate reports of drug activity.

Governors mull alternatives on stimulus funds

BY BETH FOUHY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress and President Barack Obama developed the economic stimulus plan as a lifeline. Not all U.S. governors see it that way and are debating whether the billions available can help their states ride out the economic tidal wave.

Amid budget woes, the deepening recession and conflicting views on the aid plan, state leaders descended on the capital Saturday to discuss the foreclosure crisis and public works projects.

A few high-profile governors were absent.

Among them were Bill Richardson, the New Mexico Democrat who was Obama's first choice to head the Commerce Department and now faces a federal probe involving a state contract awarded to one of his big political donors, and Alaska's Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, who is busy with her state's legislative session.

Among Democrats, much attention was on Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who has emerged as a potential contender as health secretary in Obama's Cabinet.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination for the post after admitting he had not paid all his taxes since leaving Congress.

On the Republican side, some governors with an eye on the 2012 presidential contest have taken prominent and sometimes opposing views of the \$787 billion stimulus plan Obama signed into law.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford is a chief critic, saying it will deepen the U.S. federal debt without stimulating the economy as Obama has promised.

Several other Republican governors have expressed similar misgivings, including Palin and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.

No governor has explicitly rejected stimulus dollars, although some may decide not to accept portions of it.

UCLA asks: Where in the world is Osama bin Laden?

By THOMAS H. MAUGH II
AND KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — University of California, Los Angeles, geographers think they have a good idea where terrorist Osama bin Laden has been hiding.

Using standard geographical tools routinely employed to locate endangered species and fugitive criminals, the group said there is a high probability that the al-Qaida leader has been hiding in one of three buildings in the northwest Pakistani city of Parachinar, a longtime hide-out for mujahedeen.

"He may be sitting there right now," said UCLA biogeographer Thomas W. Gillespie, who led the study published online Tuesday in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology International Review, an interdisciplinary journal of international affairs.

Gillespie said he and his students contacted the FBI's local field office — walking distance from the UCLA campus — before publishing their paper, but they haven't heard back.

Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the

agency's Los Angeles bureau, said the information was forwarded to two people working on the case, but "because it is an active investigation, it would not be appropriate" to comment on the information's fate.

The study relies on two geographic principles used to predict the distribution of wildlife. The first, known as distance-decay theory, holds that as an animal — or person — moves farther away from its preferred habitat, the probability of finding a compatible environment decreases exponentially.

The second principle, called island biogeographic theory, holds that the animal or person is most likely to move into the largest, closest area that can fulfill all its needs.

Gillespie and his students started with a satellite map centered on bin Laden's last known location, in Tora Bora, in eastern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border. The group eliminated areas in Afghanistan because they were under the control of U.S. forces at the time of bin Laden's disappearance. Then the group evaluated the cities and towns in the remaining territory and calculated the likelihood that bin Laden



Stars and Stripes

would have relocated to them.

They concluded that he must have trekked nearly 2 miles over mountainous terrain to the Pakistani tribal area of Kurram and settled in Parachinar, the largest city in the region, with a population of half a million.

The class zeroed in further by searching satellite images for buildings with walls at least 10 feet high (for safety), at least three rooms (to house bin Laden's bodyguards) and electricity (to power his kidney dialy-

sis machine), among other features. The sleuths settled on two compounds that are thought to be residences, and a third, with crenelated towers on the corners, that may be a prison or an army officers club.

"You develop a testable hypothesis that can be accepted or rejected just like in any other type of science," Gillespie said. In this case, the testing would require checking the buildings to see who is there.

Such geographic profiling techniques have been used to capture lesser criminals, said Kim Rossom, director of the Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation at Texas State University.

"This is a paper that should be paid attention to by the military and intelligence agencies for some of the ideas," Rossom said. "But it's not going to be a case of, 'X marks the spot, there's Osama bin Laden.'"

One conclusion the group is fairly confident about is that bin Laden is not living in a cave. A cave would have to have a sealed entrance, be heated and ventilated, and have supplies trucked in regularly. Those physical manifestations could be easily detected from space, they said.

Donation drop spurs Red Cross layoffs

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Faced with a continuing decline in donations, the American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey has laid off four full-time employees — 10 percent of its total staff.

The financial problems in New Jersey mirror difficulties the Red Cross is having nationwide.

Staffers have been laid off in San Diego and Long Beach, Calif.; western Oregon; Minnesota's Twin Cities; Tampa, Fla.; and elsewhere. Office hours have been cut, salaries trimmed and training programs scrapped.

From wire services

YES
Click today...cash tomorrow®
www.militaryloans.com
omni
FINANCIALS
We love to say yes™

SHOW YOUR LOVE!
SEND A GIANT STUFFED ANIMAL
Up to 8-FEET Tall
6 FEET TALL ROSE
Wearing A PERSONALIZED T-Shirt!
Or Add a PERSONALIZED SONG ON CD
Email: Service@BigPlush.com
Phone: 1-800-238-9481
or 914-580-2700
Made in Brooklyn
BigPlush.com
500+ Styles of Giant Stuffed Animals

FACES

And the Oscar goes to Matilda if Ledger wins

BY STEVE POND

The Associated Press

If Heath Ledger is named best supporting actor at Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony, his daughter, 3-year-old Matilda Rose Ledger, will become the owner of the Oscar statuette.

But it won't really be hers until her 18th birthday on Oct. 28, 2023 — and even then, only if she signs a contract.

Matilda, daughter of the late Ledger and actress Michelle Williams, has been designated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the eventual owner of her father's Oscar, should he win for his portrayal of the Joker in "The Dark Knight."

The actor died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs last year at the age of 28.

But Ledger's nomination, and his daughter's young age, led to one of the trickiest situations the academy has dealt with in its eight decades of awarding posthumous Oscars.

"It's complicated, because there are two different questions that have to be answered," says Bruce Davis, executive director of the academy. "First, we have to decide who gets the job of accepting the award onstage on the night of the ceremony. And then there's the question of the eventual disposition of the posthumous statuette, which may not stay with the person who accepts it."

In Ledger's case, says Davis, the second question was the hardest to answer.

Academy tradition calls for a posthumous statuette to go to the spouse, or, if there is no living spouse, to the oldest child. Ledger wasn't married, and Matilda is his only child.

Yet because she is only 3, Matilda is legally unable to sign



Ledger

the winner's agreement — a contract required of all nominees that says the recipient will not resell his or her Oscar without first offering it back to the academy for \$1. The agreement is the academy's way of limiting what might otherwise be a lively secondary market in Oscars.

"From our point of view, somebody has to sign the winner's agreement, and a 3-year-old can't do that," says Davis.

"Nor can a parent sign any kind of legal document that obligates a child to do something once they turn 18. I didn't know that before we looked into it, but it's a good law."

After conversations with Williams and with Ledger's family in Australia, the academy hit on a solution: "In the event that Heath Ledger should be selected as the supporting actor recipient, the statuette will be held in trust for his daughter by her mother, Michelle Williams, until Matilda reaches the age of 18," says Davis. "At that point, she may execute what we call an heir's agreement and keep the statuette forever — or, if she chooses not to do that, it will return to us."

In other words, the Oscar statuette can spend the next 15 years with Matilda, but her mother, who has signed the academy's agreement, will be the legal custodian.



AMPAS/AP

Academy has custody of some 100 orphaned Oscars

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences requires all Oscar nominees to sign a contract specifying that they will not sell their statuette without first offering it back to the academy for \$1.

The so-called winner's agreement dates back to 1951, at a time when the organization began to worry about orphaned Oscars winding up in the hands of the highest bidder.

So, how many Oscar winners have sold their statuettes to the academy for a buck?

None, says AMPAS Executive Director Bruce Davis, although Oscars still make their way back to the academy's custody.

"We have statuettes willed back to us fairly regularly — maybe two per year — from recipients who don't have appropriate heirs, or who just want to be sure that nothing undignified ever befalls their Oscar," Davis says.

The academy says it owns almost 100 statuettes that have been returned by winners, heirs, or buyers like Steven Spielberg, who purchased pre-agreement Oscars won by Clark Gable and Bette Davis in order to return them to AMPAS.

Statuettes from the collection occasionally go on display at academy headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif., and eventually, the organization's long-planned Oscar museum in Hollywood will include space for more of the collection.

From The Associated Press



Heath Ledger
as the Joker in
"The Dark Knight."

Warner Brothers

T.I. goes back to court — to talk to teenagers

A month from beginning a year-long federal prison sentence, rapper T.I. was in court again Friday, but this time he wasn't in the hot seat.

The 28-year-old performer, whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., spoke to dozens of high school students — half serving juvenile sentences — gathered at the Georgia Supreme Court in Atlanta.

"You can see from me that nobody is too rich, too famous, too cool, too good-looking or too young to make a

mistake and pay a price for it," said Harris. "More important than the mistake you make, though, is what you are able to take away from that mistake. How can you use that mistake to ensure you will never make a similar mistake again?"

T.I.'s appearance was part of 1,000 hours of community service he must complete as part of his guilty plea a year ago to federal firearms charges.

Rosie O'Donnell hopes to film again in Detroit

Rosie O'Donnell says she hopes to

film again in Detroit on the heels of her new Lifetime movie, "America," which was shot last year in the Motor City.

The nation's foster care system provides the backdrop for the movie, which premieres Feb. 28.

O'Donnell tells the Detroit Free Press by phone that "whatever movie we do next, we're going to do there."

Based on E.R. Frank's book, "America" centers on 17-year-old America, who's been in foster care since infancy. He's a patient of Dr. Maureen Brennan, played by O'Donnell.

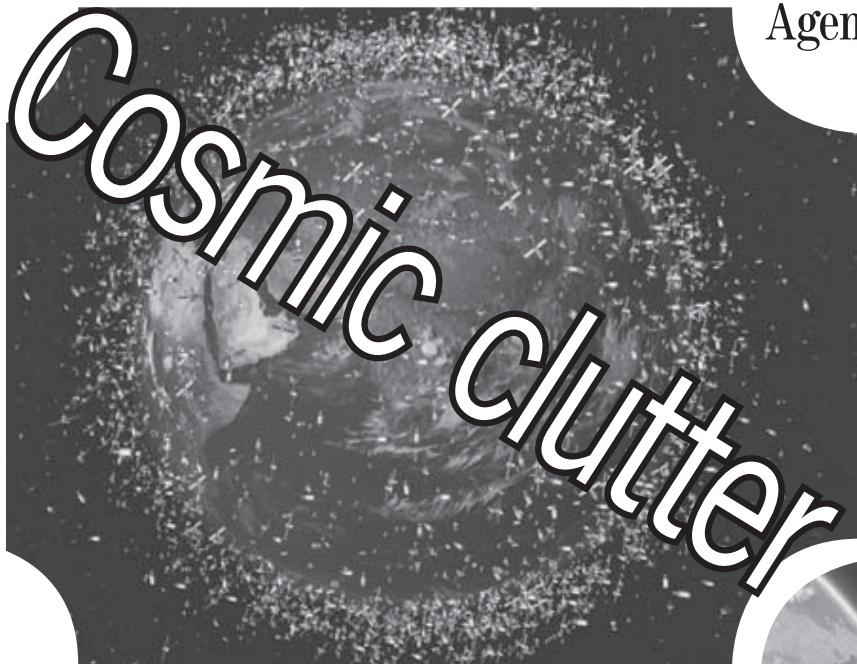
Stories and photos from wire services



Rapper T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., speaks to high school students in the chambers of the Georgia Supreme Court in Atlanta on Friday.

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

SCIENCE & MEDICINE



Above: An artist's drawing of catalogued objects in Earth's orbit.
Right: An artist's drawing of an Iridium satellite orbiting Earth.

NASA/AP



Agency to keep better tabs on space debris

By MELISSA EDDY
The Associated Press

DARMSTADT, Germany — Wary of the multitude of satellites in Earth's orbit, the European Space Agency has begun a program to monitor space debris and set up uniform standards to prevent future collisions far above the planet.

The \$64 million program — dubbed Space Situational Awareness — aims to increase information for scientists on the ground about the estimated 13,000 satellites and other man-made bodies orbiting the planet, said ESA space debris expert Jean-Francois Kaufeler.

The program was launched in January. On Feb. 10, the collision of two satellites generated space junk that could circle Earth and threaten other satellites for the next 10,000 years.

"What the last accident showed us is that we need to do much more. We need to be receiving much more precise data in order to prevent further collisions," Kaufeler

said of the collision.

The smashup happened 500 miles over Siberia and involved a derelict Russian spacecraft designed for military communications and a working satellite owned by U.S.-based Iridium, which served commercial customers as well as the U.S. Defense Department.

A key element of the program is to increase the amount of information shared worldwide between the various space agencies, including NASA and Russia's Roscosmos, Kaufeler said.

Kaufeler also said that another aspect that must be examined is establishing international standards on how debris is described, tracked and, if needed, moved so as to prevent any collisions.

U.S. and Russian officials traded shots over who should be blamed for the collision that spewed speeding clouds of debris into space, threatening other unmanned spacecraft in nearby orbits.

No one has any idea yet how many pieces of space junk were generated by the collision or how big they might be. But the crash scattered space junk in orbits 300 to 800 miles above Earth, according to Maj. Gen. Alexander Yakushin, chief of staff for the Russian military's Space Forces.

"We need more precision in space," said Kaufeler. "The current measurements (of space debris) are not precise enough."

The Associated Press

Powered by wind and solar energy, polar base puts out zero emissions

The Princess Elisabeth Station in Utsteinen, Antarctica, is a zero-emission facility.

R. ROBERT, INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION/AP

BRUSSELS — Belgium opened a new \$26 million "zero emissions" polar science station in Antarctica, returning to the continent to study climate change 42 years after closing its first base there.

The Princess Elisabeth research hub is totally energy self-sufficient and also aims not to emit any carbon dioxide emissions, according to International Polar Foundation that runs the base.

The octagonal, spaceship-like base sits on stilts on a ridge a few miles north of the Soer Rondane Mountains. It will focus on analyzing nearby deep ice shelves.

The station's roof is covered by solar

panels, designed to provide the bulk of energy needed to run the isolated post. Other energy sources will come from large wind turbines.

The base is expected to have a lifespan of 25 years and will conduct research in climatology, glaciology and microbiology. Teams of scientists, including glaciologists, are already at work there from Belgium, Japan, France, Britain and the United States.

Maaikje Van Cauwenbergh, from the Belgian Science Policy Office, said the base is in an isolated area "where there has been little research done," in a vast 600-mile zone between Russian and Japanese research stations.

"The Princess Elisabeth station attests that there is growing public interest in projects carrying a message of sustainable development, especially in terms of energy management," the polar group said in a statement. "The conception of a 'zero emission' building capable of standing up to the extreme conditions in the Antarctic goes to show that similar techniques can also be deployed in more temperate areas of the world," it added.

The prefabricated station took two years to move from Belgium to the South Pole, where it was rebuilt.

Learn from Wednesday's STARS AND STRIPES.

Education

Covering the A to Z in education trends, news and analysis each week on Wednesdays. Find out what you don't think you have time to learn!



YOUR MONEY

Many troops still confident in investments \$

Some moving more money into safer G Fund

By BRYCE S. DUBEE

Stars and Stripes

In these tough economic times, as millions around the world remain unsure about their futures, many servicemembers said they remain confident in their long-term financial security.

In a recent survey, 47 percent of servicemembers who responded said they feel either very confident or somewhat confident about their ability to retire comfortably.

The survey was conducted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Foundation in cooperation with the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald and Associates. Results were released Thursday.

"[The recession] hasn't really affected me directly," said Senior Airman Adam Guy, assigned to the 374th Communication Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Guy said even though he invests regularly in his military Thrift Savings Plan, at age 23 he's not overly preoccupied with how the current downturn will affect his retirement down the road.

He plans to leave the Air Force in about nine months to attend nursing school, and to roll his TSP into a 401(k) and keep saving.

On the other end of the spectrum, Senior Master Sgt. Ron Parks, who retired on Friday, echoed a similar level of confidence.

"Because servicemembers tend to retire at a fairly young age," he said, "the TSP and mutual funds aren't something we count on right away when we retire." Investors can withdraw funds from TSP without penalties beginning at age 59 1/2.

Navy Lt. John Bobo, 38, of Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, said he sensed the markets were heading downhill nearly a year ago and moved his retirement savings from TSP's International Stock

Index Investment Fund (I Fund) to the safer Government Securities Fund (G Fund).

The move helped him weather the fallout in late summer and early autumn and the money has stayed put as the world economy has continued to slide, he said.

"I am just going to leave my money in the G Fund until things start to turn around and the economy comes back online," Bobo said.

Among the more than 20 soldiers at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, queried by Stars and Stripes about TSP funds, almost all said they prefer the low-risk G Funds.

"The G Funds provide a basic safety net," said Lt. Col. Tim Napora, 65th Medical Brigade. "I have some higher-risk mutual funds, but the TSP was just to diversify."

People worried about losing money might be tempted to park their savings in the G Fund, but Jim McDaniel, a community readiness technician at Yokota, warned that might not be best for all investors.

He said each person should look at the funds available to see what suits them, based on factors such as their tolerance for risk and the time they have left before retirement.

Craig Banks, 47, a civilian employee in Sasebo, said he is still investing in the I Fund because of the high returns even after the economic crash.

"If you were making 30 to 40 percent and that was cut in half, you are still making money," Banks said.

But he said he has started to move more money into the G fund because it provides a slow but steady amount of interest as part of his retirement plan.

"Hopefully, I can retire soon, maybe in another 10 years," Banks said. "Once I go, I don't want to worry about money or have to get another job or some-

thing. When I retire, I am done."

McDaniel also said that TSP investors can invest in the Life-cycle funds, a combination of securities, fixed and stock index funds that shift from more aggressive to more conservative and secure as the fund matures.

Capt. Scott Mignot, with the 8th Army in South Korea, said he avoids the TSP entirely, preferring to invest in a Roth Individual Retirement Account and mutual funds because they give him more control over his money. He also complained that TSP doesn't offer the same benefits as its civilian counterparts.

"There's no matching funds," he said. "The civilian version of TSP offers matching funds like a 401(k)."

But regardless of what you choose to invest in, McDaniel said it's important for investors to not get scared off by recent bad news.

"People are afraid to invest because they hear all this doom and gloom," he said. "The potential is there for all of us to become millionaires."

Stars and Stripes reporters Travis Tritten and Jimmy Norris contributed to this story.
E-mail Bryce S. Dubee at: dubee@pstripes.osd.mil

Helpful financial sites

Retirement pay calculator
<https://staynavytools.bol.navy.mil/RetCalc/Default.aspx>

Military pay Web site
<http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/pay/index.html>

The Thrift Savings Plan official Web site
<http://www.tsp.gov>

MyPay
<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

Free annual credit report
<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

SaveAndInvest.org
<http://www.saveandinvest.org/Military/index.htm>

From staff reports

for risk and the time they have left before retirement.

Craig Banks, 47, a civilian employee in Sasebo, said he is still investing in the I Fund because of the high returns even after the economic crash.

"If you were making 30 to 40 percent and that was cut in half, you are still making money," Banks said.

But he said he has started to move more money into the G fund because it provides a slow but steady amount of interest as part of his retirement plan.

"Hopefully, I can retire soon, maybe in another 10 years," Banks said. "Once I go, I don't want to worry about money or have to get another job or some-

thing. When I retire, I am done."

McDaniel also said that TSP investors can invest in the Life-cycle funds, a combination of securities, fixed and stock index funds that shift from more aggressive to more conservative and secure as the fund matures.

From the Associated Press

GM asks for \$4.8B loan from Canada

TORONTO — The Canadian subsidiary of General Motors Corp. requested about 6 billion Canadian dollars (US\$4.8 billion) in government loans in a bid to stay afloat.

In a restructuring proposal submitted to the federal and provincial Ontario governments, GM Canada outlined how it intends to again become viable and repay government loans. The GM plan did not include a specific dollar figure it seeks in bailout funds, but said the amount would be proportionate to the \$30-billion its parent company requested of Washington earlier this week.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES								
52-week High			Name			Net Chg	% Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,136.69	7,447.55	-2.79	Dow Jones Industrials	7,365.67	-100.28	-1.34	-16.07	-40.51
5,535.57	2,694.80	-1.95	Dow Jones Transportation	2,698.87	-9.43	-3.35	-23.70	-42.34
530.57	294.30	-1.11	Dow Jones Utilities	335.89	-8.42	-2.45	-9.40	-32.49
9,687.24	4,607.47	-0.56	NYSE Composite	4,804.51	-76.65	-1.57	-16.55	-47.00
2,433.31	1,104.30	-1.04	Amer Index	1,333.98	-18.04	-1.33	-4.58	-41.46
2,551.47	1,295.48	-1.02	Nasdaq Composite	1,441.23	-1.59	-1.11	-8.61	-37.43
1,440.24	741.02	-0.50	S&P 500	770.05	-8.89	-1.14	-14.75	-43.09
897.37	406.45	-0.56	S&P MidCap	466.62	-3.93	-0.84	-13.31	-41.52
764.38	371.30	-0.33	Russell 2000	410.96	-5.75	-1.38	-17.72	-40.91
14,564.81	7,340.00	-2.20	DI Wilshire 5000	7,802.20	-87.03	-1.10	-14.14	-42.90

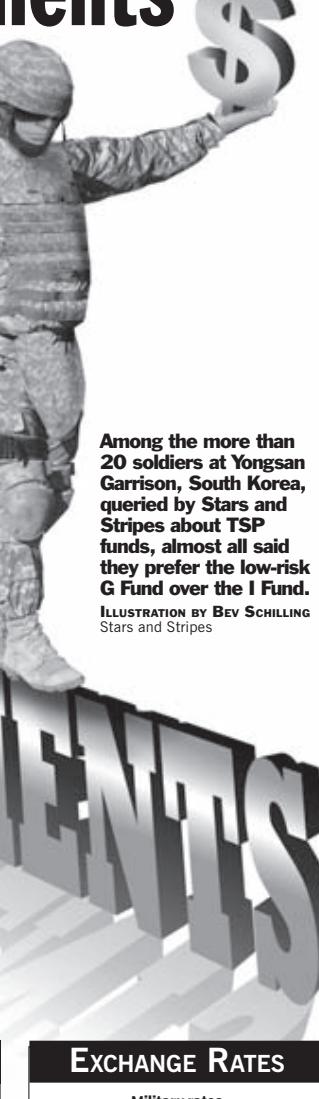
NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ		
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)		
Name	Vol (00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last Chg
BlkOffM	824,006	-7.79	SPDR	447,729	-7.76	PwC Shs QQQ	203,798	-28.87
Cltgpp	608,981	-1.95	PSCreduLB	34,651	-1.97	Int'l	725,881	-12.78
SPDR Fnd	403,698	-7.44	SP Mid	152,290	-84.91	Microsoft	658,217	-18.00
WellsFrg	370,440	-10.91	BarcGSQI	428,02	-15.68	Dell Inc	655,926	-8.41
GenElec	322,275	-9.38	EldorGld g	42631	-9.02	Cisco	589,782	-15.08
ProFltBull	207,049	-2.20	Novagld g	32939	-3.18	Fifthhnd	545,679	-1.03
DirxFinBull	199,154	-4.90	NtgbtM g	30388	-1.43	Oracle	464,179	-16.56
JPMorgCh	134,870	-19.90	BarclStg r	26696	-1.71	RschMotn	348,606	-39.15
ProUHSF	124,248	-19.03	CFCDa g	26457	-12.31	AaplMall	335,848	-8.76
iSHEMkt s	101,146	-21.52	US Gold	20369	-2.40	HuntBnk	320,843	-1.36

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD % Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	10	75.33	-1.85	-12.2
Boeing	1.68	36.31	1.26	-14.9	
Computer Sciences	...	6	36.64	-2.1	+4.3
General Dynamics	1.40	8	50.82	-1.05	-11.8
General Electric	1.24	5	9.38	-0.6	-42.1
Halliburton	.36	10	17.00	+0.7	-6.1
Huntington	...	8	33.14	-2.19	-2.9
Allied Signal	1.21	8	18.84	-1.39	-12.2
L-3 Communications	1.40	11	75.47	-6.65	+2.3
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	77.75	+5.79	-7.5
NorthropG	1.60	...	44.43	-1.03	-1.4
Raytheon	1.12	12	45.56	-0.82	-10.7
Rockwell Int'l.	1.16	6	22.07	-0.07	-31.5
Textron	.44	10	15.04	+0.88	-54.7
United Technologies	.92	3	62.65	+0.1	-54.7

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	% Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	45.53	.42	-7.0
Fidelity Spartan: FdldXlnv	27.33	-3.31	-14.3
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.73	.02	+1
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	10.95	-.11	-16.9
Fidelity Invest: AMGr50	10.28	-.07	-5.2
Fidelity Invest: Oversea Amer Capital Inv: Utet	20.93	-.30	-16.5
Prudential Fund: PrudlInv	13.31	-.06	-7.9
AIM Investments: Charta p	10.33	-.12	-11.0
AIM Investments: A: Const p	15.64	-.17	-7.1
Frank/Temp Fndk A: SMCI p	18.83	-.14	-7.2
DWS Invest S: GroIncs	9.78	-.12	-10.8
Fidelity Advisor: T: Eqtln	13.45	-.21	-20.7
Fidelity Advisor: T: GroPpt	17.77	-.12	-6.7
DWS Invest S: Int'l Fds	28.80	-.37	-16.9
Prudential Fund: GroIncs p	5.45	-.07	-14.4
Lord Abbett A: GroGld p	9.53	-.12	-6.4
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseaT	11.15	-.12	-17.0
DWS Invest S: CorpHsnc x	9.59	-.03	-5



Among the more than 20 soldiers at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, queried by Stars and Stripes about TSP funds, almost all said they prefer the low-risk G Fund over the I Fund.

ILLUSTRATION BY BEV SCHILLING
Stars and Stripes

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Feb. 23) 91.00

South Korean won (Feb. 23) 1,463.00

Euro costs (Feb. 23) 1.2945

Dollar buys (Feb. 23) 0.7725

British pound (Feb. 23) 1.4747

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar) 0.3770

British pound 1.4442

Canada (Dollar) 1.2484

China (Yuan) 6.8382

Denmark (Krone) 5.5603

Egypt (Pound) 5.5680

Euro 1.7788

Hong Kong (Dollar) 7.2540

Hungary (Forint) 236.07

Israel (Shekel) 4.1504

Japan (Yen) 93.10

Kuwait (Dinar) 0.2941

Norway (Krone) 6.7851

Philippines (Peso) 48.21

Poland (Zloty) 3.70

Saudi Arabia (Riyal) 3.7506

Singapore (Dollar) 1.5283

South Korea (Won) 1,459.40

Switzerland (Franc) 1.1548

Thailand (Baht) 35.74

Turkey (New Lira) 1.6965

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance: Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close

Gold \$1,001.80

Silver \$14.488

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate 3.25

Discount rate 0.50

Federal funds market rate 0.00-0.25

3-month bill 0.26

30-year bond 3.57

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

STARS AND STRIPES.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAX D. LEDERER JR., PUBLISHER

JOHN D. PANASIEWICZ, GENERAL MANAGER

NEWS AND EDITORIAL

TERRY LEONARD, Editorial Director

ROBB GRINDSTAFF, Executive Editor

PACIFICThomas P. Skeen,
Chris Carlson,
T.D. Flack,Pacific Editor
Japan Bureau Chief
Korea Bureau Chief**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Assistant Managing Editors

Derek Turner, News
Brian Bowers, Features
Patrick Dickson, News EditorSean Moores, Sports
Christopher Six, Photo/Graphics
Joe Gromelski, Web**ADDRESSES**U.S. MAIL: Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002
INTERNATIONAL MAIL: 23-17 Roppongi, 7-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032, JapanFAX: DSN 229-3271; civ (+81) (03) 3408-8936
E-mail: Readers Forum: letters@stripes.osd.mil
Advertising: advertising@stripes.osd.mil
Marketing: marketing@stripes.osd.mil
Circulation: circulation@stripes.osd.milCENTRAL OFFICE: 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350,
Washington DC 20045-1301.Phone: DSN 312-763-0900 civ (+1) (202) 761-0900.
Fax: (+1) (202) 761-0890EDITORIAL DIRECTOR: Terry Leonard,
529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20045-1301.Phone: DSN 312-763-0535 or civ (+1) (202) 761-0535.
E-mail: leonard@stripes.osd.mil**HOW TO CALL US**GENERAL MANAGER: John D. Panasiewicz,
tel DSN 229-3121; civ (+81) (03) 6385-3121;

READERS' FORUM: tel DSN 229-3166; civ (+81) (03) 6385-3166;

e-mail: letters@stripes.osd.mil

SPORTS: Dave Ornauer, tel DSN 645-7433; civ (+81) (08) 893-2702;

e-mail: ornauer@stripes.osd.mil

For business, advertising and circulation numbers, turn to the classified section.

NEWS BUREAUS**JAPAN**Japan Bureau Chief: Chris Carlson, Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002;
tel DSN 229-3357; civ (+81) (03) 6385-3357/3158; fax DSN 229-3271;

civ (+81) (03) 3408-8936; e-mail: carlson@stripes.osd.mil

Misawa: Vince Little, tel DSN 225-9233; civ (+81) (04) 2552-2511 ext. 59233

fax DSN 225-7752; e-mail: littlev@stripes.osd.mil; Chris Carlson,

tel DSN 229-3357; civ (+81) (03) 6385-3357/3158; fax DSN 229-3271;

civ (+81) (03) 3408-8936; e-mail: carlson@stripes.osd.mil

Sasebo/Iwakuni: Travis Tritton, PSC 476, Box 726, FPO AP 96322-1126;

tel DSN 252-3832; civ (0965) 50-3832; fax DSN 252-3878;

e-mail: trittonv@stripes.osd.mil

Tokyo: Teri Weaver and Hanako Kusumoto, tel DSN 229-3105 and 229-3152 or

civ (+81) (03) 6385-3105 or 6385-3152; fax DSN 229-3271.

e-mail: weavert@stripes.osd.mil; kusumoto@stripes.osd.mil

Yokosuka/Atsugi: Erik Slavin, tel DSN 241-2874/2873;

Comm (03) 6589-2874; cell (090)-8054-8241; fax DSN 241-2876;

e-mail: slavine@stripes.osd.mil

Yokota/Camp Zama/Camp Fuji: Vince Little and Bryce Dubee, Unit 5058 AP

AP 96328-5056; tel DSN 225-9233; civ (04) 2552-2511 ext. 59233

fax DSN 225-7752; e-mail: littlev@stripes.osd.mil; dubeeb@stripes.osd.mil

Okinawa: David Allen, Chiyomi Sumida, Cindy Fisher and Natasha Lee, Camp Foster, Unit 3517, FPO AP 96374; tel DSN 645-3807 or

civ (+81) (98) 893-2702; fax DSN 645-9165;

e-mail: okibureau@stripes.osd.mil

KOREA

Korea Bureau Chief: T.D. Flack, Unit 15334, APO AP 96205-0423;

tel DSN 721-7132 or civ (+82) (2) 2270-7132/7134;

e-mail: flackt@stripes.osd.mil

Area I: Erik Slavin (Camp Red Cloud); Mail to HHC, Area 1, Unit 15707, Box 8, APO AP 96258; tel 010-6731-9137; e-mail: slavine@stripes.osd.mil

Area II: T.D. Flack, Hwang Hae-ym, Jimmy Norris and Ashley Rowland (Seoul); Mail to Unit 15334, APO AP 96205-0423;

tel DSN 721-7131; 721-7132; civ (+82) (2) 2270-7132/7134;

fax DSN 721-7141; e-mail: koreabureau@stripes.osd.mil

Area III, IV, Osan Air Base, Kunsan Air Base and Chinohua Naval Base:

Franklin Fisher (Osan); Mail to Unit 15334, APO AP 96295-0423;

tel DSN 724-2751 or civ (+82) (31) 661-2751; fax DSN 784-4523;

e-mail: fisherf@stripes.osd.mil

WASHINGTON D.C.

Bureau editor: Patrick Dickson, 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington DC

20045-1301; tel DSN 732-0853; civ (+1) (202) 761-0859; fax (+1)

(202) 761-0890; e-mail: dickson@stripes.osd.mil; Reporters: Jeff Schogol,

tel DSN (312) 222-1926; tel civ (+1) (703) 692-1926;

e-mail: schogol@stripes.osd.mil; Leo Shan, tel DSN (312) 763-1183; tel civ

(+1) (202) 761-1183; e-mail: shanel@stripes.osd.mil; and Kevin Baron, tel

DSN (312) 1875-1875; tel civ (+1) (703) 692-1875; e-mail: baronk@stripes.

osd.mil; 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301; fax civ

(+1) (202) 761-0890

Stars and Stripes (USPS 017252) is published daily (except Christmas and New Year's) for 50 cents daily and \$1 Sunday by the Stars and Stripes central office, 529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, Calif. Postmaster: Send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002.

OMBUDSMAN: MARK J. PRENDERGAST

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow of news and information, reporting any attempts by the military or other authorities to undermine the newspaper's independence. The ombudsman also responds to concerns and questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness, accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes comments from readers, and can be contacted by e-mail at ombudsman@stripes.osd.mil, or by phone at 202-761-0941.

© Stars and Stripes 2009

STARS AND STRIPES WEB SITE: WWW.STRIPESS.COM

A matter of perspective

The recent headlines of a new program in Yongsan to benefit spouses with Priority Placement Program help must have been a big slap in the face to all those working people who recently lost their jobs ("Yongsan eyes jobs for spouses," article, Feb. 17). These people were basically fired because of the interpretation of their status of forces agreement status.

This is like an arsonist going back to watch a fire he started. It is ironic how different people can read and interpret different things from the same book, depending on their motive.

Master Sgt. Carl Turnbow (retired)
Camp Walker, South Korea

'Ragbags' lead dangerous life

This is in response to "Just because you're deployed, you don't have to look like a ragbag" (article, Feb. 14).

Those who sit on bases and never leave the wire have no room to talk about being in a combat zone.

I've been stationed at a combat outpost [near] Sadr City, the most hostile of places in Iraq. Every day as infantry soldiers we patrol the streets with a threat of being shot, blown up or getting into a firefight. So we don't have time to worry about what our hands and feet begin to look like.

Yes, we chose this job, and by no means would do anything else in this military. But what I don't understand is how anyone can say he's had a hard day of soldiering when he doesn't know what that life is even like. Taking a shower is something of a luxury to us. Eating a hot meal or even having time to call home are just a few things we rarely get to do.

Between being on patrol [and being a part of a] quick-reaction force because your fellow brother in arms got blown up driving down the road, *relaxing* is not one of the words in our vocabulary.

All I'm saying is, until someone experiences our lifestyle, [he shouldn't] say that because you are deployed you don't have to look like a ragbag. Those ragbags are outside the wire risking their lives daily to keep the base safe and secure.

So, before someone passes judgment, [he should] remember the reason his cosmopolitan city is the way it is, is because of us ragbags.

Spc. Kenton Gottshall
Iraq

Coulter: Wrong and offensive

Regarding Ann Coulter's Feb. 9 column "Single moms are to blame, not poverty": Her words were offensive enough to elicit anger bordering wrath and demeaning enough to draw tears. I am very disappointed that Stars and Stripes would even run such a piece.

It is no secret that the military is in general conservative and that there are many Stripes readers who are sympathetic to Coulter. However, this column went beyond fair beyond opinion and dangerously ap-

Tell us what you think

Stars and Stripes welcomes your comments on editorials and columns that are published in the newspaper, and values letters on topics of importance in the lives of our readers. All letters must be signed, and must include the writer's address or base and telephone number. Please limit all letters to 300 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, taste and clarity.

Send your letters to:

U.S. Mail:

Readers' Forum

Stars and Stripes

Unit 45002

APO AP 96338-5002

DSN 229-3271

Via fax from Japan:

[Country code +81] 3-3408-8936;

DSN 229-3271

E-mail: letters@stripes.osd.mil

International mail:

Stars and Stripes

Roppongi

Minato-ku

Tokyo 106-0032

Via fax from Japan: 03-3408-8936;

DSN 229-3271

Via fax from outside Japan:

[Country code +81] 3-3408-8936;

DSN 229-3271

E-mail: letters@stripes.osd.mil

proached slander. Coulter compares smokers and single mothers and finds smokers to be the more productive and "cool" of the two. I work in a squadron with many smokers and about as many single mothers as those in a dual-spouse home, and Coulter could not be more wrong in her conclusions.

The single mothers in our squadron are hard-working to a fault, giving countless hours of overtime. Several even secure extended child care on their own dime because they exceed the 10 maximum hours that the Child Development Centers will allow.

The smokers in our squadron take many smoke breaks throughout the day and with only a few exceptions are the least fit. Fitness is an integral part of readiness, and consistent work stoppages — smoke breaks or otherwise — without question lead to inefficiency. It is one thing for Coulter as a smoker to find those who share her addiction guiltless but it is another completely unacceptable thing for her to paint single mothers as guilty and less productive members of civil society.

Stripes should run columns that encourage single mothers — and, for that matter, all members of the Department of Defense — and refrain from the demoralizing and degrading banter that Coulter so thoroughly enjoys.

Second Lt. Michael Hertzog
Kadena Air Base, Japan

Respect other services

The Air Force technical sergeant who disrespected and made digs at soldiers who wear the Combat Patch they earned by serving with their unit attached to a Marine Corps unit ("Marine badges only for Marines," letter, Feb. 19) should refrain from comment on the norms, rules and pride of his sister services. The fact is that we are all brothers and sisters in arms, and we do not get to choose where and under which headquarters we will serve down-range. The soldiers who have served in the First Marine Division should be just as

proud to wear that combat patch as those who served in the First Infantry Division, or the First Cavalry Division. What purpose does interservice sniping serve?

I have served with and volunteer as a Scout Leader with many Air Force personnel and one thing we all seem to understand is that each service is distinct and it serves nobody to make disparaging remarks about another's branch of service.

Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Altavater
Camp Humphreys, South Korea

Badge is a sign of respect

In response to "Marine badges only for Marines" — as someone who did Army support for three years and deployed with my supported unit: After reaching the time on the ground we "earned" our combat patches. Those in my unit who earned the combat patch wore it with pride. It has nothing to do with lack of pride in what branch you are in but rather that you have done extra training or tasks to earn that patch/respect from others' branches.

Staff Sgt. James Ahern
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

It's a servicemember's choice

In response to "Marine Badges only for Marines": In today's military, with the increased cooperation and jointness of the force, a soldier should be able to wear whatever service identification patch that he or she chooses. These patches are about who you served with in combat, not the unit you are assigned to. That is why, by Army regulation, they can be worn at the discretion of the soldier, not the unit or the Army.

Reading the letter makes me think the writer would like to see Air Force forward flight controllers remove their combat patches. If someone is assigned as a slice element to a Marine task force, and that person lives, eats and bleeds with Marines, then by all means he or she should wear the Marine patch with pride. It makes you no less a soldier to wear the Marine patch. We are all on the same team and party to the same fight. We are all sons and daughters of this country, who serve by choice in the greatest military on Earth.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Cook
Brussels

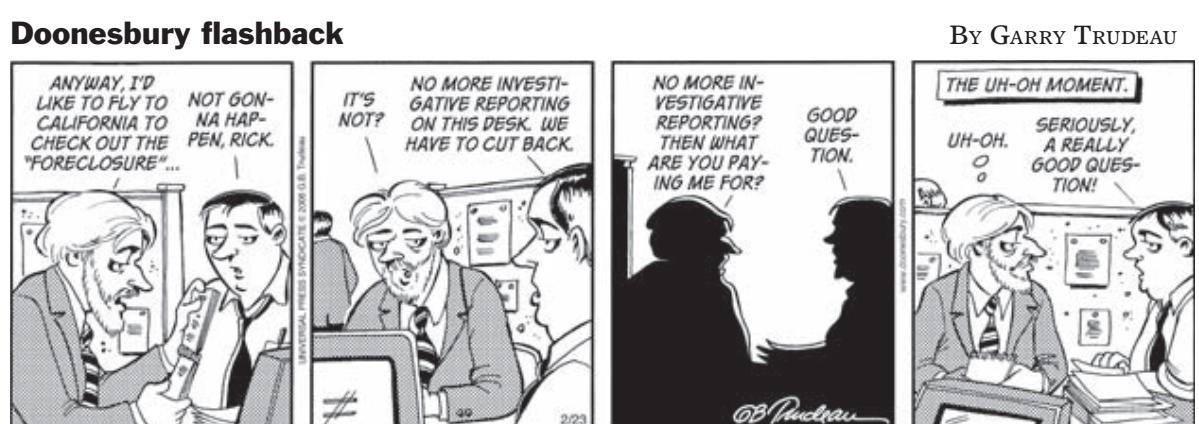
More ID checks needed

In regard to "Gym policy a useless obstacle," (letter, Feb. 17), I think the writer missed something along the way.

I believe Army policy is the same as it is in the Air Force and that is, you are required to have your identification card with you at all times while on a military installation. I, for one, would like to see ID checks at more facilities, namely the commissaries and the exchanges (and fitness centers). My experience in Germany and in Italy is, there are a lot of people in these facilities who are not ID cardholders. They are there for whatever reason and our facilities are already overcrowded.

Michael Dufrane
Einsiedlerhof, Germany

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Treat homeowners better than bankers

If you were to make a pie chart showing the amount of attention given to the banking part of the financial crisis — both by the government and by the media — and the amount of attention given to the foreclosure part, the catastrophe being faced by millions of American homeowners would barely rate a sliver.

But we are facing nothing less than a national emergency, with 10,000 Americans going into foreclosure every day and 2.3 million homeowners having faced foreclosure proceedings in 2008.

When we put flesh and blood on these numbers, the suffering they represent is enormous, and so is the social disintegration they entail.

For a small sample, check out Brave New Foundation's new Web site, Fighting For Our Homes, where you can see video of people doing just that. People like Debra from Pennsylvania who, due to health-care costs, is facing foreclosure on her home of 33 years, or Penny from Texas, who has been pushed to the brink of homelessness as the result of costly repairs necessitated by Hurricane Ike.

"The banks are too big to fail" has been the mantra we've been hearing since September. But when you consider the millions of American homeowners facing foreclosure, aren't they also too big to be allowed to fail?

Despite being treated as an afterthought, foreclosures are actually a gateway calamity: Every foreclosure is a crisis that begets a whole other set of crises. Someone loses his or her home. It sits vacant. Surrounding home values drop. Others move out. Squatters move in. Crime goes up. Tax revenues plummet, taking school budgets down with them.

So why hasn't the foreclosure crisis gotten the attention it deserves? A combination of perverse priorities and flawed thinking. ... Flawed thinking has been on full display in the way we have approached the foreclosure crisis — particularly the notion that we can postpone dealing with the crisis while we focus our attention (and hundreds of billions of dollars) on saving Citi, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Clearly, this thinking has been deeply — and disastrously — flawed. The public interest — people being able to keep their houses — is not aligned with the banks' interest. Banks don't want to adjust non-performing mortgages down to their ac-

tual current value because it would lead to marking down the value of the massive asset pools they have rolled the mortgages into.

This conflict between the banks' interest and the public interest is why the Wall Street-centric focus of Tim Geithner, Lawrence Summers, Ben Bernanke, etc. is so troubling. This focus has included the marginalizing of Sheila Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (and a Republican), who has been ringing the alarm bell about the foreclosure crisis for two years now. She was ignored by George W. Bush and Henry Paulson — and there are worrisome Washington whispers that Geithner is following in their footsteps.

Given the enormity of the crisis, and the delay in finally putting foreclosures on the front burner, President Barack Obama must be bold. Obama clearly responds to the pain involved in the statistics. We saw how he reacted to Henrietta Hughes, the homeless woman who stood up at his town hall meeting in Florida and talked about her dire circumstances. . . .

The nuts and bolts of Obama's plan need to match the empathy. His plan should include mandatory mediation between homeowners and lenders prior to any final foreclosures. A pilot program along these lines, the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, started in Philadelphia, has proven very successful. According to Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the program has prevented or delayed foreclosures in 75 percent to 80 percent of the cases that have made it to mediation. Currently, many homeowners don't even talk to their lenders until they have been foreclosed on — partly because the lenders often make it next to impossible to reach them. . . .

Judge Annette Rizzo has been working hard to keep Philadelphians in their homes. She told Dan Geringer of the Philadelphia Daily News: "There is hand-to-hand outreach to each client here. There is individual caretaking here. The lender lawyers get to know the homeowners as people here. We put a human face on this and they embrace it. So as I work the room, I feel a humanism here on both sides. If necessary, our volunteer lawyers pick up clients and bring them here. Housing counselors make house calls. Our mission is to save lives, one address at a time." . . .

The foreclosure prevention program has worked so well in Philadelphia, it has spread. . . . The administration should take this model and apply it on a national level. It's time to start treating America's homeowners as well as we've been treating Wall Street's bankers.

Arianna Huffington



For a small sample, check out Brave New Foundation's new Web site, Fighting For Our Homes, where you can see video of people doing just that. People like Debra from Pennsylvania who, due to health-care costs, is facing foreclosure on her home of 33 years, or Penny from Texas, who has been pushed to the brink of homelessness as the result of costly repairs necessitated by Hurricane Ike.

"The banks are too big to fail" has been the mantra we've been hearing since September. But when you consider the millions of American homeowners facing foreclosure, aren't they also too big to be allowed to fail?

Despite being treated as an afterthought, foreclosures are actually a gateway calamity: Every foreclosure is a crisis that begets a whole other set of crises. Someone loses his or her home. It sits vacant. Surrounding home values drop. Others move out. Squatters move in. Crime goes up. Tax revenues plummet, taking school budgets down with them.

So why hasn't the foreclosure crisis gotten the attention it deserves? A combination of perverse priorities and flawed thinking. ... Flawed thinking has been on full display in the way we have approached the foreclosure crisis — particularly the notion that we can postpone dealing with the crisis while we focus our attention (and hundreds of billions of dollars) on saving Citi, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Clearly, this thinking has been deeply — and disastrously — flawed. The public interest — people being able to keep their houses — is not aligned with the banks' interest. Banks don't want to adjust non-performing mortgages down to their ac-

tual current value because it would lead to marking down the value of the massive asset pools they have rolled the mortgages into.

This conflict between the banks' interest and the public interest is why the Wall Street-centric focus of Tim Geithner, Lawrence Summers, Ben Bernanke, etc. is so troubling. This focus has included the marginalizing of Sheila Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (and a Republican), who has been ringing the alarm bell about the foreclosure crisis for two years now. She was ignored by George W. Bush and Henry Paulson — and there are worrisome Washington whispers that Geithner is following in their footsteps.

Given the enormity of the crisis, and the delay in finally putting foreclosures on the front burner, President Barack Obama must be bold. Obama clearly responds to the pain involved in the statistics. We saw how he reacted to Henrietta Hughes, the homeless woman who stood up at his town hall meeting in Florida and talked about her dire circumstances. . . .

The nuts and bolts of Obama's plan need to match the empathy. His plan should include mandatory mediation between homeowners and lenders prior to any final foreclosures. A pilot program along these lines, the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, started in Philadelphia, has proven very successful. According to Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the program has prevented or delayed foreclosures in 75 percent to 80 percent of the cases that have made it to mediation. Currently, many homeowners don't even talk to their lenders until they have been foreclosed on — partly because the lenders often make it next to impossible to reach them. . . .

Judge Annette Rizzo has been working hard to keep Philadelphians in their homes. She told Dan Geringer of the Philadelphia Daily News: "There is hand-to-hand outreach to each client here. There is individual caretaking here. The lender lawyers get to know the homeowners as people here. We put a human face on this and they embrace it. So as I work the room, I feel a humanism here on both sides. If necessary, our volunteer lawyers pick up clients and bring them here. Housing counselors make house calls. Our mission is to save lives, one address at a time." . . .

The foreclosure prevention program has worked so well in Philadelphia, it has spread. . . . The administration should take this model and apply it on a national level. It's time to start treating America's homeowners as well as we've been treating Wall Street's bankers.

Prickly City



© 2009 BY SCOTT STANTIS

Historians' ranking of presidents is rank

Being gracious winners, last week, liberals howled with delight at George W. Bush for coming in seventh-to-last in a historians' ranking of the presidents from best to worst.

This was pretty shocking. Most liberals can't even name seven U.S. presidents.

Being ranked one of the worst presidents by "historians" is like being called "anti-American" by the Nation magazine. And by "historian," I mean a former member of the Weather Underground, who is subsidized by the taxpayer to engage in left-wing political activism in a cushy university job.

So congratulations, George W. Bush! Whenever history professors rank you as one of the "worst" presidents, it's a good bet you were one of America's greatest.

Six months after America's all-time greatest president left office in 1989, historians ranked him as only a middling president. (I would rank George Washington as America's greatest president, but he only had to defeat what was then the world's greatest military power with a ragtag group of irregulars and some squirrel guns, whereas Ronald Reagan had to defeat liberals.)

At the time, historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. dismissed Reagan as "a nice, old uncle, who comes in and all the kids are glad to see him. He sits around telling stories, and they're all fond of him, but they don't take him too seriously" — and then Schlesinger fell asleep in his soup.

Even liberal historian Richard Reeves blanchered at Reagan's low ranking in 1989, saying, "I was no fan of Reagan, but I think I know a leader when I see one."

Reagan changed the country, Reeves said, and some would say "he changed the world, making communism irrelevant and the globe safe for the new imperialism of free-market capitalism." In Reeves' most inspiring line, he says Reagan "was a man of conservative principle and he damned near destroyed American liberalism."

By 1996 things hadn't gotten much better for Reagan in the historians' view. A poll of historians placed Reagan 26th of 42 presidents — below George H.W. Bush, his boob of a vice president who raised taxes and ended Republican hegemony under Reagan. Four of the 32 historians called Reagan a "failure."

BY SCOTT STANTIS



I guess it depends on your definition of "failure." To me a failure is someone who aspired to be a legitimate scholar but ends up as an obscure lecturer at Colorado College.

Speaking of which, Colorado College political scientist Thomas Cronin explained Reagan's low ranking, saying Reagan "was insensitive to women's rights, civil rights, oblivious to what was going on in his own Administration — the procurement scandal, HUAC, Iran-Contra."

Soon after he took office, President Reagan famously hung a portrait of President Calvin Coolidge in the Cabinet Room — another (Republican) president considered a failure by historians.

Coolidge cut taxes, didn't get the country in any wars, cut the national debt almost in half, and presided over a calm, scandal-free administration, a period of peace, 17.5 percent growth in the gross national product, low inflation (0.4 percent) and low unemployment (3.6 percent).

Unlike some recent presidents with Islamic middle names, he didn't run around comparing himself to Lincoln constantly.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr. ridiculed Coolidge as a hayseed who slept too much and took decisive action only once in his life. Schlesinger never tired of pointing out that Coolidge slept 11 hours a day, as if hours of sleep is the true measure of presidential greatness.

Perhaps Schlesinger's venom toward Coolidge was meant as penance for his once mistakenly admitting that Dwight Eisenhower was a good president — another hated (Republican) president among historians.

Under Eisenhower the gross national product grew by more than 25 percent and inflation averaged 1.4 percent. George Meany, then AFL-CIO president, said that the American worker had "never had it so good." Like Coolidge and Reagan, Eisenhower was enormously popular with the American people.

In a poll of "leading scholars" taken soon after Eisenhower left office, he was named one of the 10 worst presidents. The distinguished scholars — none of whose names anyone remembers today — called him dumb, dismissing the five-star general who smashed the Nazi war machine as "Old Bubble Head." As Patton said, these "bilious bastards ... don't know anything more about real battle than they do about fornicating."

It's as if geologists took a poll and announced their opinion that lead was heavier than gold.

Reagan and Eisenhower have recently started to move up in the presidential rankings — for the same reason George Washington is always ranked one of the best. Historians ought to detest Washington, but his exclusion from the top ranks of these pompous historian polls would expose the absurdity of their rankings.

Putting preposterously overrated presidents like John F. Kennedy or FDR in the same category as Reagan or Washington is like a teenage girl ranking the Jonas Brothers with the Rolling Stones and the Beatles as the three greatest bands of all time.

Liberals may call him a "war criminal," but historians have inadvertently paid George W. Bush a great tribute by ranking him as a "below average" president. I can only dream that, someday, no-name, left-wing historians will rank me as one of the all-time worst columnists.

Teens leave candy wrapper trail

FL PALM BAY — Five Florida teens face burglary-related charges after police followed a trail of candy wrappers from the crime scene back to the house of one of the teens.

Officers responded to a break-in in Palm Bay on Florida's central Atlantic coast. An officer then followed a trail of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups packages in the backyard. The officer noticed another wrapper on the front porch of a house near the victim's house.

Officers found several juveniles at the other house. Police say the teens confessed to the burglary and informed officers that the stolen property was in the attic.

Homeless man fights for spot on village ballot

IL CHICAGO — A suburban Chicago man barred from running for the village board because he is homeless isn't giving up trying to get on the ballot.

Daniel Fore and his attorneys filed both a petition seeking a judicial review of the decision and an emergency motion for an expedited hearing with the Cook County Circuit Court.

The team hopes for a ruling on the matter by March 6, ahead of the March 16 start of early voting, said Larry Griffin, an attorney for the firm Kirkland and Ellis who represents Fore pro bono.

Oak Park's electoral board voted 2-1 to bar Fore from the April 7 ballot. Two Oak Park residents, Randy Gillett and Richard Newman, challenged Fore's candidacy, claiming a person without a fixed address cannot run for office or register to vote.

ACLU sues to preserve 'hell' in company name

PA PHILADELPHIA — The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania has sued on behalf of a man whose company name — "I Choose Hell Productions" — was rejected by the state.

Filmmaker George Kalman's request in 2007 to register as a business was turned down because of a state law prohibiting names that contain blasphemy or profanity.

The lawsuit filed against Pennsylvania's Department of State contends the statute is unconstitutional because it relies on religious standards and violates Kalman's freedom of speech rights.

Kalman says he chose the name because he believes it is better to struggle through difficult times — that is, live in "hell" — than to commit suicide.

The lawsuit seeks undetermined damages and use of the name.

Small-town sheriff helps inmate win freedom

MO JEFFERSON CITY — When Sheriff Rick Walter was a reserve deputy, he discovered slain college student Angela Mischelle Lawless in her idling car along a rural southeastern Missouri highway and was sure at least two people had at-



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

tacked her.

He raised that and other suspicions, both during the initial investigation and after Joshua Kezer's 1994 conviction on second-degree murder in the 19-year-old woman's shooting death.

"I went as far as I could go. And it fell on deaf ears," he said. "The sheriff said, 'I have a conviction in this case, I don't even want to hear it, case closed.'"

The 48-year-old Walter never gave up searching for the truth and joined friends, family and defense lawyers outside the Jefferson City Correctional Center to celebrate the release of Kezer, who spent nearly half his life behind bars for the 1992 killing that a judge now says he couldn't possibly have committed.

Shop owner charged in death of man urinating

MI DETROIT — Mildred Johnson understands why some might question her husband's decision to urinate in public.

But she said she can't comprehend why someone would kill him for doing it.

Johnson told Detroit police that Leroy Moon, 69, who owns Asian Fisheries, shot Shawn Johnson, 36, a janitor at White Elementary School, for urinating on Moon's building around 7 p.m.

"I want to know what state of mind he was in," Mildred Johnson, 35, said of the man who lives a



Still winter

High, thin clouds refract the sun's light to form a halo effect behind plants in a dormant meadow in Watertown, Wis.

couple of blocks from where her husband died. "Why did he have to shoot? He could've called the police."

Moon was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge.

Caregivers face charges in elder abuse

CA KERN — In an elder abuse case described by one investigator as the most outrageous he has ever seen, three former top managers at a Kern County, Calif., nursing home have been arrested in the deaths of three residents who allegedly were given needless doses of psychotropic medications.

The California attorney general's office contend in a criminal complaint that more than 20 residents at a skilled nursing center run by the Kern Valley Healthcare District were drugged "for staff convenience." Many of them experienced side effects that included dramatic weight loss, slurred speech, tremors, loss of cognition, and even psychosis, according to the complaint.

Arraignment is scheduled for the center's one-time medical director, Dr. Hoshang M. Pormir, former nursing director Gwen D. Hughes and former chief pharmacist Debbi C. Hayes. They were jailed in Bakersfield.

All three have been charged with elder abuse. Hughes and Hayes also face charges of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly administering shots by force and without consent.

Judge charged in blocking appeal of 2007 execution

TX AUSTIN — A Texas judicial commission filed proceedings against the presiding judge of the state's highest criminal court, charging her with improperly cutting off appeals for a condemned inmate on the night of his execution.

The action by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct against Sharon Keller, presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, could result in her removal from office.

Convicted killer Michael Richard was put to death on Sept. 25, 2007, after Keller ordered a clerk to close the court's office promptly at 5 p.m. Lawyers for Richard had requested that the office stay open an extra 20 minutes to permit a late appeal. Keller has 15 days to formally respond to the charges.

Paper claims defamation award fixed by judge

PA ALLENTOWN — A newspaper said that a \$3.5 million defamation award against it was fixed by a corrupt judge with connections to a reputed mobster at the heart of the case.

The extraordinary claim was made by the parent company of The Citizens' Voice in court papers asking the state Supreme Court to overturn the 2006 award by Luzerne County Judge Mark Ciavarella, who recently was convicted in a kickbacks scheme.

The Supreme Court should "vacate a judgment that very likely was a product of a corrupt judicial system," the paper said.



No boring drill

before being lowered into an underground assembly chamber beneath 11th Avenue at 25th Street for use in the Number 7 subway line in New York City. The cutter head is 22 feet in diameter and weighs 100 tons.



Remains of house

Employees of the New England Gas Co. walk through the remains of a house on New York Avenue in Somerset, Mass., after a natural gas explosion. Debris from the house was blown onto a neighboring house and one person was confirmed dead in the explosion.



Shark doctor

Volunteer diver Dr. Lily Gomez swims with a small pill camera veterinarians hope could help diagnose gastrointestinal diseases in marine animals, as a whale shark glides past her at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. Gomez was testing if a receiver could pick up a signal from the camera in the 6.3 million-gallon Ocean Voyager tank.



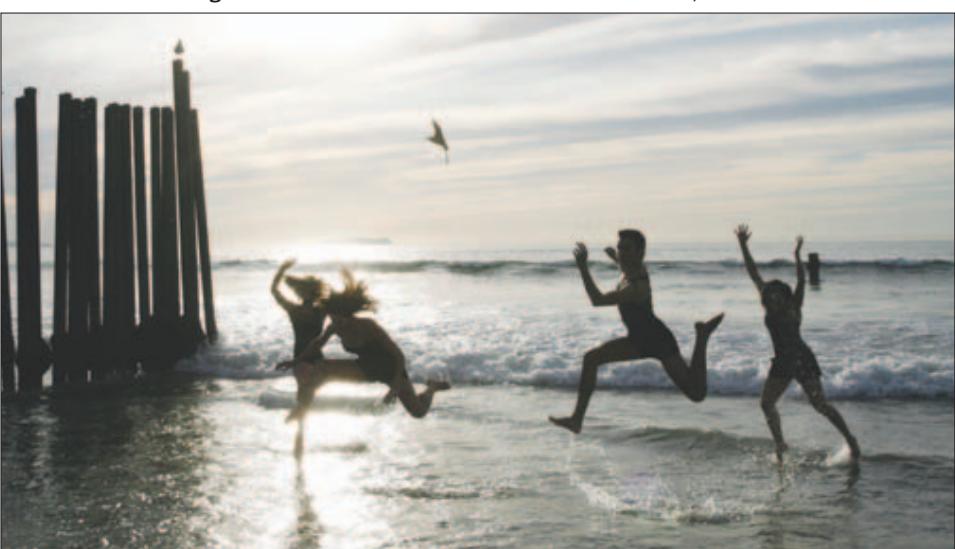
Under investigation

Investigators with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police examine the front of an Amtrak passenger train that was involved in a fatal accident in Port Wentworth, Ga. The crash between a freight train and a dump truck killed the truck's driver and caused minor damage to the train.



One Stella dancer

Dancer Stella Arauzo, center, performs as Carmen with the Antonio Gades Company during the Flamenco Festival in New York, N.Y.



Border leapers

Dancers from the Minerva Tapia Dance Group perform in front of the U.S.-Mexico border fence at Border Field State Park in San Diego. The dancers are part of the a cross-border modern dance group.

Casino looking to get its mortgage combed

NJ ATLANTIC CITY— Admitting it has not made loan payments since October, Resorts Atlantic City is trying to fight off foreclosure by arguing that its lenders don't have a casino license and can't own the place.

Resorts will set aside \$15 million to cover payouts to winning gamblers while the two sides battle for control of New Jersey's first casino.

Parents use religion to avoid kids' vaccines

OH CINCINNATI — Parents in Ohio increasingly are using religious exemptions to delay or refuse immunizations for children amid fears that vaccines contribute to autism.

State Department of Health figures show that the number of religious or philosophical exemptions nearly quadrupled between 1998 and 2008, though the number still represents fewer than 1 in 100 children.

Pay tuition, go to class, and keep the lights on?

OR CORVALLIS — Oregon State University has retrofitted 22 elliptical exercise machines, and students are using the machines to generate electricity. The school is among the first in the nation to do that.

The electricity goes back to the grid. The project could produce enough electricity annually to supply a small, highly energy-efficient house.

They were later found to be in contempt of cat

FL WEST PALM BEACH — There are so many mice in one Florida county courthouse that they've been seen falling from ceiling tiles.

One judge at the Palm Beach County Courthouse calls it an infestation. Some staffers say they check their handbags for stowaways before leaving the building each day.

Court employees and lawyers say the rodents scuttle down corridors, munch legal papers and scratch behind the walls.

One mouse ran around a courtroom floor for an hour during a burglary trial.

Local dogs, cats agree to celebratory truce

ME PORTLAND — The state's largest city became its latest municipality to allow residents to keep chickens in their backyards.

Portland City Council voted 7-1 to allow up to six hens — but no roosters — for an annual fee of \$25. Chicken coops must be set back from neighboring residences by at least 25 feet.

With the recession, more Mainers are interested in raising their own food.

Official stole thousands from elementary school

KY LOUISVILLE — Former Dixie Elementary principal Adrian Sanford was sentenced

to five years in prison for stealing school funds.

He had pleaded guilty to charges including theft by unlawful taking and fraudulent use of a credit card. Sanford also must pay back the \$69,140 taken from the school, and he agreed to testify against the school's former bookkeeper.

Gay rights activists protest Clinton speech

CA SAN DIEGO — As many as 200 people protested a speech by former President Bill Clinton because it took place at a hotel targeted by boycotters since its owner donated money to pass gay marriage ban Proposition 8.

Protesters rallied outside the Manchester Grand Hyatt to oppose owner Doug Manchester's donation and to demand improved working conditions.

People actually surf when it's that cold?

MI MARQUETTE — A cold-water surfer from Lake Superior was rescued near the Presque Isle breakwall after taking a battering.

Several large waves swept him and his board over the wall and into Presque Isle Harbor, where the water temperature was 33 degrees. The surfer began paddling to shore, but was still 150 yards away when Coast Guard personnel used a rope to pull him to safety.

Nation now open later for your convenience

NM SANTA TERESA — The state's Santa Teresa port of entry at the border with Mexico will extend its hours beginning March 1.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection field operations said the crossing will remain open two more hours each day, operating from 6 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week.

State seeks to stop under-the-table pay

OH COLUMBUS — State agencies will compare notes to identify and stop employers who pay their workers "off the books" or improperly call them independent contractors.

A report from Attorney General Richard Cordray's office said those employers cheat the state out of hundreds of millions of dollars in unemployment insurance money, workers compensation premiums and income tax revenue.

Pork chopper, come in, come in, pork chopper

TX MERTZON — Millions of wild pigs weighing up to 300 pounds have been tearing up crops, trampling fences and eating just about anything in their path in Texas. But now they had better watch their hairy backs.

A state lawmaker is proposing to allow ordinary Texans with rifles and shotguns to shoot the voracious, tusked animals from helicopters. For years, ranchers have hired professional hunters in choppers to thin the hogs' ranks.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Mercury conspires with Jupiter to help us create an abundant flow of what we need and want. Many events and ideas in this regard will be excellent. Some exaggeration is to be expected in our communication. We appreciate this when the effect is humorous, as it often will be. Do be cautious of deals that sound too good to be true, though.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 23)

To you, it's not enough to be really good at one thing. You figure out how to apply your unique attributes to become a star in everything you do. In March, if you don't fit in, that only means that you are on your way to greatness. May brings financial breakthroughs. The love risks you take in June are worthwhile. Taurus and Aries adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

No idea can live inside your mind without your consent. When you make a decision about what to think, you'll have success. You'll be the boss of your team soon after you become the boss of your thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Because of recent hectic circumstances you may have been pushed into a gloomy little pattern of behavior. Well, not for long. It's remarkably simple to remove the stress and start anew.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

The seeds of phenomenal health are within you. All it takes is a little extra care in nourishing yourself or in exercising your body to cause the happy, zesty feelings to sprout and take over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

There are real opportunities out there to be exploited and you're poised to make an impression. This is no time to show people your rough work. Make sure it's polished before you present.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The force of your personality is strong and others will take your words to heart. You should be charging for those bril-

liant, pithy observations. Still, if they're unsolicited, keep them to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You didn't mean to eavesdrop, but now you know something you wish you didn't. If it's not illegal or life threatening, forget it. Affirm to yourself that you are choosing to accept only supportive, uplifting information.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Sometimes you just have to trust the people you are working with in order to get through the job gracefully. Believe that people will be inclined to do right and show that faith with your attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You just might be fixated in what columnist Martha Beck refers to as "unproductive regret" — a perfect name for an imperfect choice you made in the past. Once you pinch yourself into the present you'll be free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Keep moving in the direction you're headed. Your instincts are correct and no amount of outside interference will sway you. Caffeine is your friend — sleep can wait until this business is concluded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You and a colleague are unknowingly working toward the same goal. Find out who it is and work in tandem. You've always thought you worked better on your own, but you will find satisfaction in this collaboration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

There are a couple of options to choose from. It really doesn't matter which one you pick; it only matters that you feel fabulous about your choice. Once you know what you want, you are bound to get it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

What needs to take place between you and that person who is causing you some stress? Maybe it's a gentle talk, and maybe it's tough love. Whichever, it's time to communicate your heart.

Creators Syndicate

SU/DO/KU

© Puzzles by Pappocom

Difficulty: Very Easy

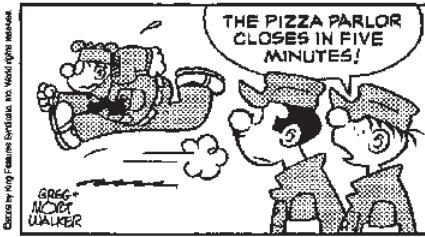
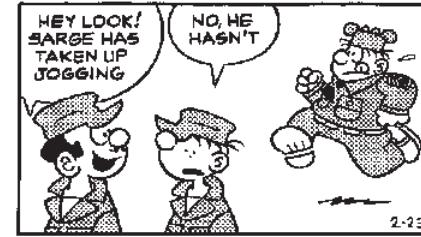
Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

9		1	4	8	2			
	8		9					
4	6	8		3	5			
2	5		8		1	6		
		7	5					
1	4	9		7	8			
6	5		7	4	3			
	6		9					
3	2	5	1		7			

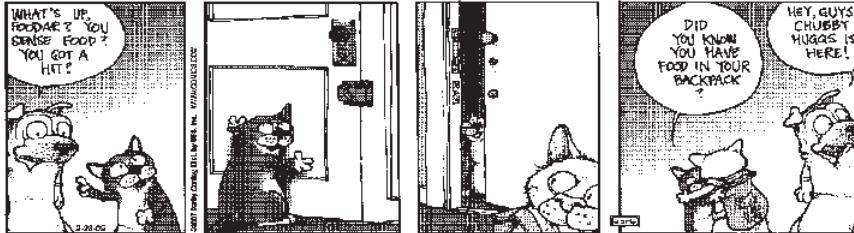
9 3 2 5 4 6 8 7 1
1 4 6 3 7 8 5 9 2
7 8 5 9 2 1 3 6 4
2 6 3 4 8 7 1 5 9
5 9 7 6 1 3 4 2 8
4 1 8 2 5 9 7 3 6
3 2 4 1 6 5 9 8 7
8 5 1 7 9 2 6 4 3
6 7 9 8 3 4 2 1 5

BEETLE BAILEY



Beetle Bailey

Get Fuzzy



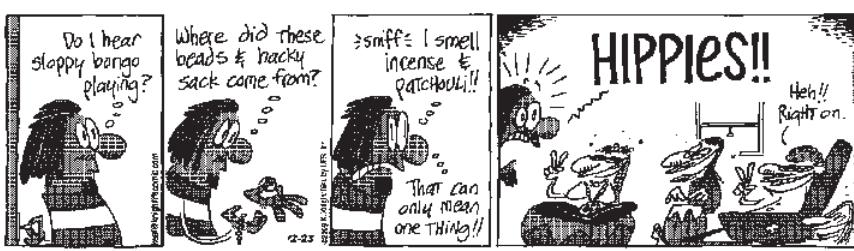
Candorville



Meaning of Lila



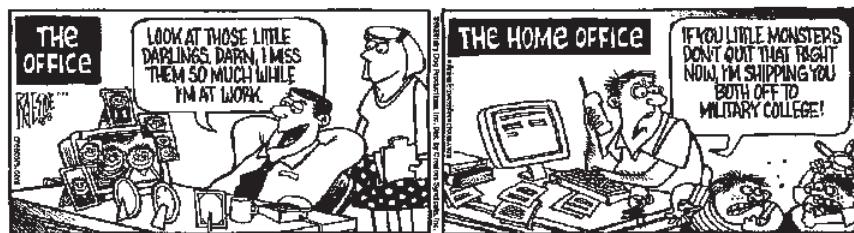
Knight Life



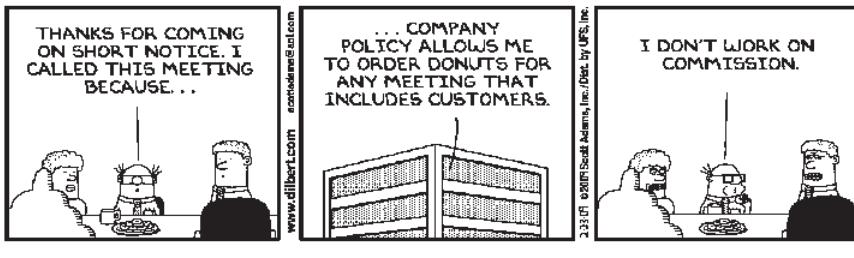
Baldo



Other Coast



Dilbert



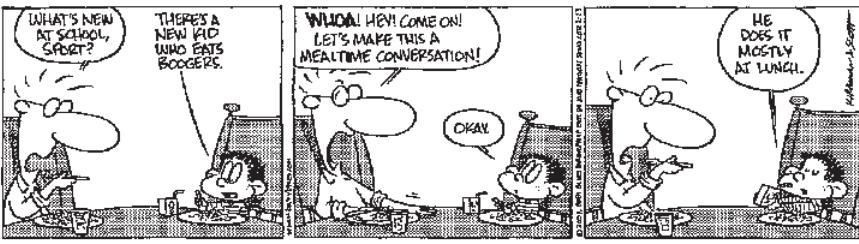
Frazz



Garfield



Baby Blues



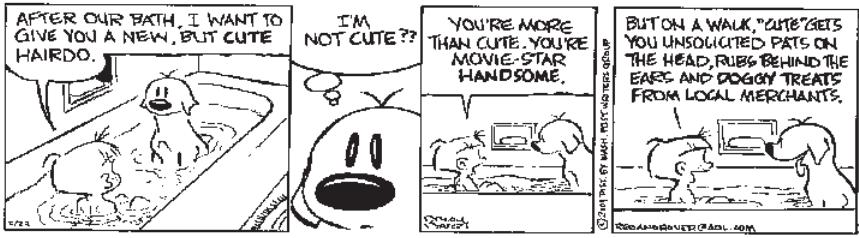
Jump Start



Zits



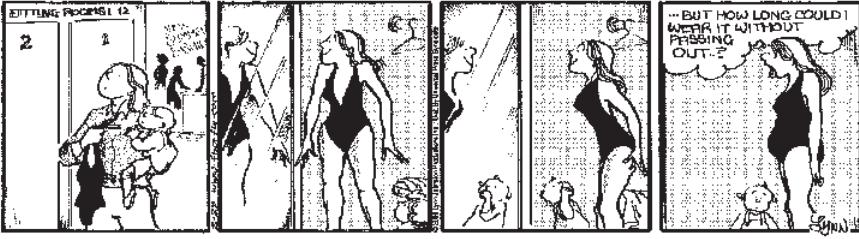
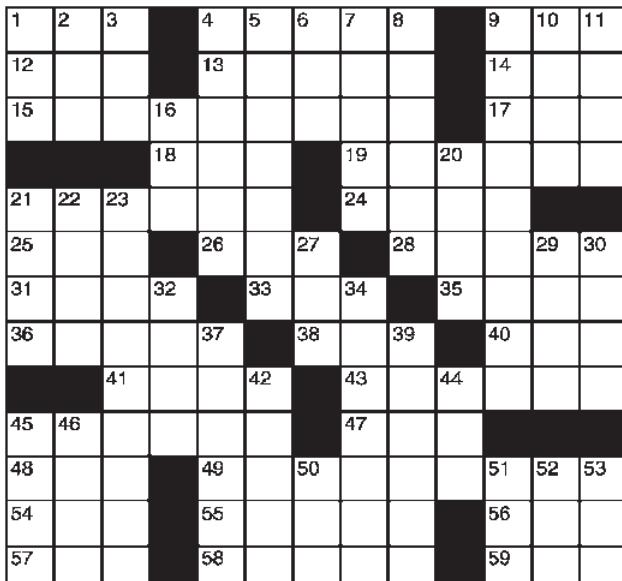
Red & Rover



Hagar



Better or Worse

**Eugene Sheffer Crossword****ACROSS**

- 1 "The loneliest number"
- 4 "Danny Boy" musicians
- 9 Definite article
- 12 Supporting
- 13 Lifeless, old-style
- 14 Tier
- 15 Happen
- 17 Gorilla
- 18 Can. neighbor
- 19 First game of the season
- 21 Denim, e.g.
- 24 Fishing equipment
- 25 Bobby of hockey
- 26 Fresh
- 28 Fleet-related
- 31 Harvest
- 33 Legislation
- 35 Long skirt
- 36 Forbidden acts
- 38 Speck
- 40 Every last bit
- 41 Totals
- 43 Multicolored
- 45 Stratagem
- 47 Jackie's second mate
- 48 Blackjack component
- 49 Change from one language to another
- 54 Coffee vessel
- 55 Greeting
- 56 Meadow
- 57 Danson or Kennedy
- 58 Convinces
- 59 Vanna's cohort

DOWN

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Neither partner
- 3 Historic time
- 4 Relay
- 5 Put on a jury
- 6 Hawaiian side dish
- 7 Mistake
- 8 Squelch, in a way
- 9 Pretoria's region
- 10 Optimist's feeling
- 11 Basin accessory
- 16 Pecan or almond
- 20 Dutch cheese
- 21 Old, stale jokes
- 22 Sandwich cookie
- 23 Exceed
- 27 Bankroll
- 29 Wheel holder
- 30 Easter flower
- 32 Sulk
- 34 Feminine
- 37 Metal workers
- 39 Human trunks
- 42 Threaded nail
- 44 Up to
- 45 Tense
- 46 Farm fraction
- 50 Carte lead-in
- 51 Matterhorn, for one
- 52 Afternoon social
- 53 Have a bite

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	F	T	E	R	N	E	T	W	O	S
F	L	U	N	O	O	N	H	O	B	O
F	I	B	L	O	A	D	R	O	O	F
S	P	A	N	I	S	H	O	M	E	L
							E	S	T	W
C	A	R	A	T	T	E	N	B	A	H
A	T	O	P		B	U	D	S	U	R
P	E	T	S	A	X	P	A	G	E	R
					K	I	T	M	A	R
F	R	E	N	C	H	V	A	N	I	L
L	O	P	E	M	I	N	D	A	I	L
A	B	E	L	A	Y	G	A	S	A	L
K	E	E	T	T	A	O	O	T	R	Y

2-23

CRYPTOQUIP

NGCEL Y CYRGHL YBLOGEYC

DLYWLO KLEYBL Y EPU, SGN

KAWWGLN SYHL WAKKLW

SGB RSL ESGLV PV UPDGEL.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I'VE HEARD FOLKS TALK OF A BODY OF WATER THAT IS CREEPY. I BELIEVE IT WAS CALLED LAKE EERIE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H

Books help with long hours

Dear Abby: My father recently began treatment for cancer. He has radiation daily and chemo once a week.

Mom and Dad spend many hours sitting in the hospital for these treatments.

Several families from church have asked what they can do to make my parents' lives easier at this time.

I have asked that instead of offering to make meals (Mom and Dad are both on restricted diets), donating puzzle books, meditation books and crossword puzzles to be enjoyed at the hospital would be a better idea.

I also plan to assemble some "boredom-buster bags" for my parents each week, so they won't get antsy waiting around for the procedures to be finished.

— Trisha in Mooresville, Ind.
Dear Trisha: That's a terrific

idea.

However, if the church members would like to become more involved, ask them to consider saving their fashion, sports and political magazines and deliver them on a regular basis to the chemotherapy center. That way they will not only help your parents, but also other patients who are undergoing treatment there. I'm sure the donations would be greatly appreciated.

Dear Abby:

I recently graduated from college, but aside from that, I can't seem to finish anything I start.

I am a creative and talented designer, but because I no longer have deadlines, I don't see any of my projects through to completion.

I have tried giving myself personal deadlines to no avail, because I know there will be no consequences.

Dear Abby



Then I become angry and frustrated with myself, and the piles of uncompleted work get larger and larger.

It seems like I am easily bored or stressed — that's when I stop working.

I long for a sense of accomplishment and pride in my abilities. Could I have a disorder?

— Needs Help Finishing Th ...

Dear Needs Help: Not unless being disorganized and not a self-starter is a disorder.

Your inability to abide by personal deadlines will have serious "consequences" if you plan to have a career in design, because if you can't complete a project, you will have nothing to show potential clients.

If you have nothing to show, you reduce the chances of being hired. So stop the self-indulgence and get moving!

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearaby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

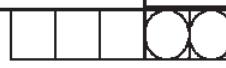
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GIRRO

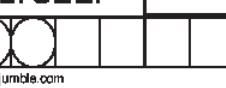


©2009 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

ELVRO

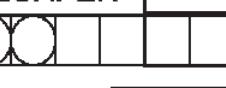


LYSEEP



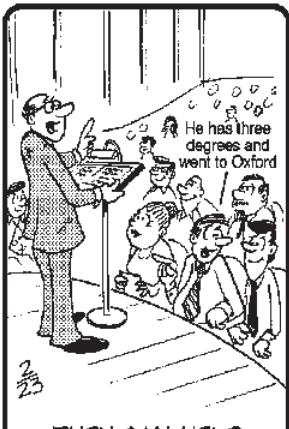
www.jumble.com

LOAPER



THAT SCRABMED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A

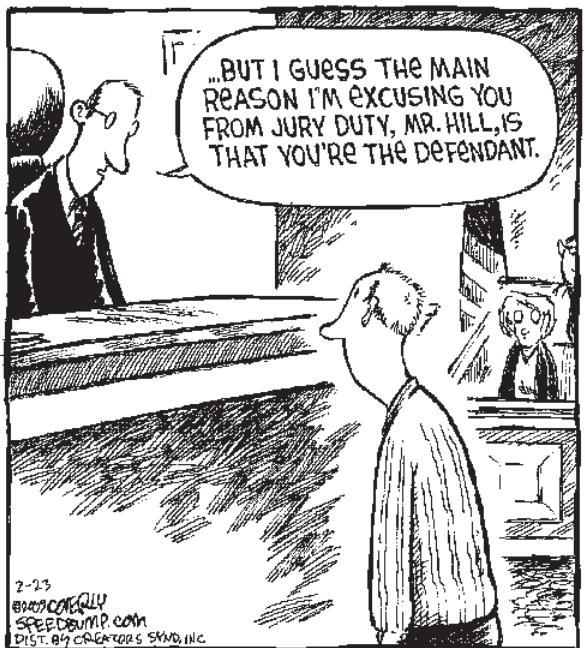


(Answers tomorrow)

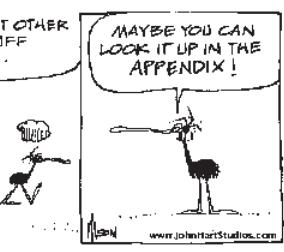
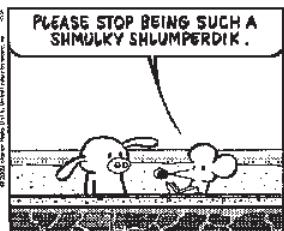
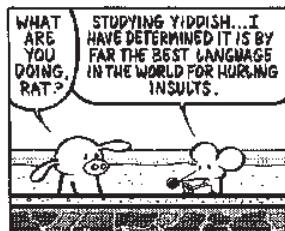
Saturday's

Jumbles: CABLE TONIC DECENT GUILTY
Answer: What you must be to climb a mountain — "INCLINED"

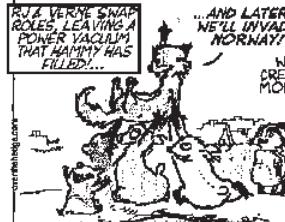
Speed Bump



Pearls Before Swine



MAYBE YOU CAN LOOK IT UP IN THE APPENDIX!



THE NATURAL ORDER BEING YOU IN CHARGE?
YOU'RE ON MY SIDE OF THE HAMMOCK.

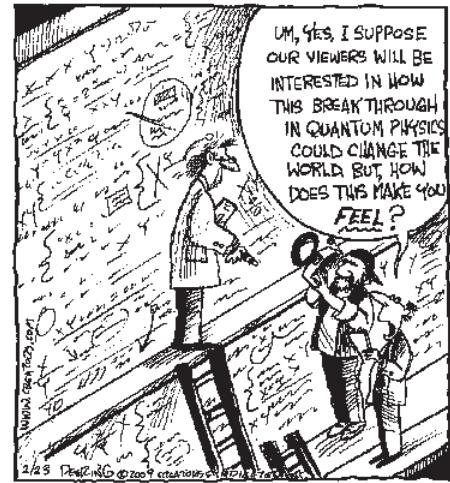
YOU'RE ON MY SIDE OF THE SHELL.



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



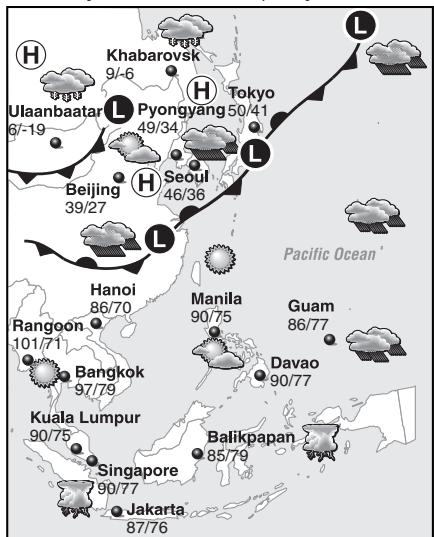
Pardon My Planet Over The Hedge



TIDE TABLES

Location	Monday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	4:56 a.m.	10:21 a.m.	3:51 p.m.	10:39 p.m.
Sasebo	8:15 a.m.	1:40 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Naha	7:00 a.m.	12:31 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	12:36 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:40 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	9:07 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	10:34 a.m.	4:45 a.m.	10:41 p.m.	5:33 p.m.
Kunsan	2:46 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	10:08 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	7:43 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	1:09 p.m.
Location	Tuesday			
Japan	High	Low	High	Low
Yokosuka	5:15 a.m.	10:51 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	11:09 p.m.
Sasebo	8:38 a.m.	2:10 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:33 p.m.
Naha	7:23 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	1:08 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:55 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	2:43 p.m.	9:36 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	11:06 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	11:12 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
Kunsan	3:24 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	3:48 p.m.	10:38 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	8:05 a.m.	1:21 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	1:44 p.m.

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:

Sukuk, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide:
Unten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: +44 high, -42 low.**CANADA**

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	21	5	Snow
Edmonton	18	2	Snow
Halifax	33	21	Fly
Iqaluit	0	-5	Snow
Ottawa	25	11	Fly
Quebec	28	9	Snow
Regina	21	10	Fly
Toronto	23	11	PCloudy
Vancouver	51	41	Shwr
Whitehorse	21	3	Sun
Windзор	24	16	PCloudy
Winnipeg	21	12	PCloudy
Yellowknife	-12	-34	Fly

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	46	36	Rain
Athens	47	39	Fly
Belgrade	35	30	PCloudy
Berlin	39	27	Snow
Brussels	45	38	Fly
Dublin	51	41	Fly
Glasgow	61	38	Fly
Lisbon	66	48	Sun
London	50	41	Fly
Madrid	63	36	Sun
Moscow	14	7	Snow
Mazar-e-Sharif	55	37	Rain
Tehran	51	38	PCloudy
Tel Aviv	55	50	Shwr
Warsaw	33	28	Snow

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	54	33	Fly
Baghdad	65	47	PCloudy
Cairo	66	51	Sun
Dhahran	78	61	Fly
Incirlik	56	42	Fly
Isfahan	93	74	Fly
Kabul	49	30	PCloudy
Karachi	78	48	Sun
Khartoum	102	65	Sun
Kisangani	86	68	Fly
Kuwait	71	64	Fly
Luanda	88	77	Fly
Malakal	108	68	Fly
Mogadishu	91	77	Sun
Tabora	73	62	TSTM
Timbuktu	88	56	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	89	75	PCloudy
Algiers	60	41	Sun
Cape Town	82	64	Sun
Casablanca	71	48	Sun
Darban	79	69	Fly
Djibouti	93	74	Fly
Freetown	93	74	Fly
Kano	104	60	Sun
Kandahar	78	48	Sun
Khartoum	102	65	Sun
Kisangani	86	68	Fly
Kuwait	71	64	Fly
Luanda	88	77	Fly
Malakal	108	68	Fly
Mogadishu	91	77	Sun
Tabora	73	62	TSTM
Timbuktu	88	56	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	89	75	PCloudy
Algiers	60	41	Sun
Cape Town	82	64	Sun
Casablanca	71	48	Sun
Darban	79	69	Fly
Djibouti	93	74	Fly
Freetown	93	74	Fly
Kano	104	60	Sun
Kandahar	78	48	Sun
Khartoum	102	65	Sun
Kisangani	86	68	Fly
Kuwait	71	64	Fly
Luanda	88	77	Fly
Malakal	108	68	Fly
Mogadishu	91	77	Sun
Tabora	73	62	TSTM
Timbuktu	88	56	Sun

LATIN AMERICA

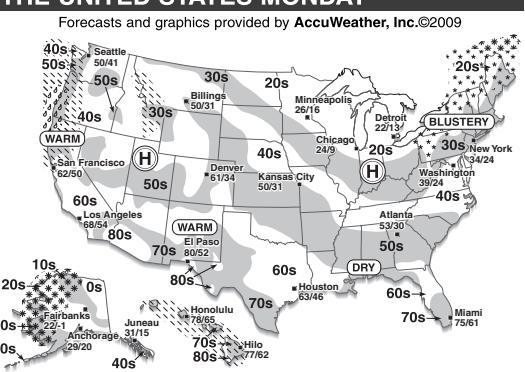
City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	73	Sun
Bogota	66	45	Shwr
Buenos Aires	83	62	Sun
Cancun	77	58	Sun
Caracas	84	76	Shwr
Kingston	79	66	Shwr
Lima	76	40	Sun
Mexico City	76	40	Sun
Nassau	77	66	Fly
Puerto Plata	84	77	PCloudy
Rio de Janeiro	89	76	Sun
Santiago	88	54	Sun
Santo Domingo	85	68	PCloudy
San Jose	76	67	Shwr

ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	72	58	PCloudy
Colombia	88	74	Sun
Darwin	91	78	Shwr
Dhaka	91	74	Sun
Hong Kong	77	70	Sun
Kathmandu	92	69	PCloudy
Melbourne	89	76	Sun
Mumbai	92	74	Sun
New Delhi	84	55	PCloudy
Phnom Penh	93	76	PCloudy
Shanghai	50	46	Rain
Sydney	84	68	PCloudy
Taipei	84	71	Sun
Xining	53	20	Sun

SUN & MOON

	Monday	Tuesday
Sunrise (Seoul)	7:11 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	6:21 p.m.	6:22 p.m.
Sunrise (Tokyo)	6:18 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Sunset	5:32 p.m.	5:33 p.m.

**THE UNITED STATES MONDAY**For complete and up-to-the-minute worldwide weather information, go to www.stripes.com and check out the AccuWeather forecast.

Sell it.....Free!

Advertise your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or bicycle in Stripes free!

No charge! On us!

Up to 7 lines of copy for 21 days - free!

Call Classified today at 229-3276

or e-mail us at classifieds@stripes.osd.mil.

Individuals only - no dealers!

STRIPES CLASSIFIED

Cellular Phones	280	Furniture	510	Furniture	510	Home Electronics	570	Jobs Offered	630	Pets	820	Apartment Unfurn	856		
Yokota, Japan - Cell Phone Used, but still working cell phones. Soft Bank preferably. Please call 8019830672		Yokota - Bunk Beds A Tan wooden bunk bed you can either stack them on top of each other or side by side. Fair Condition-\$65.00 OBO. Call 901-273-9956		Yokota, Japan - Twin bed, Mattress, Nightstand and Comforter set White wire frame, twin bed and night stand, Pillow top mattress and box spring-like new. Comforter set with bed skirt, pillow sham and twin sheet. Perfect for kids bedroom! All for \$250. Please call 949-258-6899 or email mcdonald03@gmail.com for pictures		Yokota, Japan - Wii Remote Controller/Nunchuk, Silicone Case Awesome Price, Great Bundle, Great for Gifts! 100% brand new high quality generic (non OEM). For the standard Wii Remote Controller/Nunchuk/Non Silicone Case Color: Yellow, Black, Pink, Green, Blue, Red. Quantity: 1 of each color. Soft Skin-like feel fits comfortable on your hands and with anti-slip grip to prevent accidental dropping or throwing of your controls. The high quality silicon color skin provides protection of your controls for scratches, dirt, greases and grip, from accidental dropping or throwing your controls, and most of all, with the styles! Unique design allows all buttons and slots easy to access without removing the protection skin. Washable! The skins are easy to remove. Asking \$10 each. Please e-mail me at smichypooch@cyworld.com		Family Practice Physician - U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Branch Health Clinic, Sasebo is seeking to place under contract, an individual who holds a current unrestricted license to practice as a Family Practice Physician in any one of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam or the U.S. Virgin Islands. The deadline of solicitation package is Mar 6 at 1600. For details call Ms. Kobayashi FIS Contracting at 243-6835 or 04-6 8 - 3 0 6 8 3 5 . Solicitation# .09 Q-2114		Yokota - Free to a good home, 2 adult, male cats. Very affectionate and loving. I am PCSing and want to make them have a good home. 09060438502		\$950 2BD/2BA Apartment for rent Super clean, Internet Access available. Security Deposit is \$650. <i>Email t_courtney212@yahoo.com.com</i>			
Clothing	320			Yokota - Dining room table with two chairs. It is the same exact tables as the pizza restaurant eating section at the BXtra. A few scratches but in good condition. \$65.00 OBO. Call 901-273-9956		Yokota - Light brown colored couch and loveseat set. In great condition, no tears or stains. Bought a new set so we don't have room for it. \$250.00 OBO. Call 1-214-261-6458		Zama - Chihuahua puppy for sale. Male, 3 months old. Beautiful markings. Pictures available. E-mail 458winmag@gmail.com or call 080-354-6107		Zama - Free Six Saltwater tropical fish and live rock. Must have your own tank. Call for more info 267-6253					
Yokota, Japan - AEROPOTTA COAT Size XL. Tan in color very warm. I bought it, but I just have way too many. Picture will be posted this afternoon. I paid \$60 + shipping. I am asking \$30 OBO. Please call 3145583462 Thanks.		Yokota - End tables, rocking chair, and more Two glass top end tables \$10 each platform rocking chair good condition for \$25; swivel chair for \$20; small heater for \$5; upright vacuum \$20.00. Call 6143584904.		Yokota, Japan - Bed frame and dressers Heavy Duty King or Queen Size bed frame. Can be set to either size. Can be mounted to a head board. \$25 can send picture if needed. I have 2 of the five drawer dressers. They are made wood in a white wash finish. Overall measure 40" H x 21" W x 15" D. \$40 each Call Jessie @ 813-200-9370 or e-mail (mljab@yahoo.com) to come and see. Please call 813-200-9370		Atsugi - Slightly used Playstation 2 Dance Factory mat with game. Only used twice. Asking \$20.00 obo. Please e-mail dqeuim1@yahoo.com OR call Deb at 264-7499.		Lost	670	Photography	830	Yokosuka, Japan - Team Losi Nitro 8T 1/8 scale RC Truggy I have a Losi 8T truggy that I am selling as comes with motor and GS 2.0 and MASH 427 that have been modified by Pro-MOD RC. It has a lot of extra parts, starter box, and glow igniter. You will have to buy radio gear and servos. \$300 OBO I am at Yokota will meet half way. Please call 720-257-6843		Atsugi - Disney VHS tapes. Over 30 titles. Please e-mail for titles. Buy 1 or the whole lot. Make an offer. dguem1@yahoo.com OR call Deb at 744-7499.	
Computers	360			Yokota, Japan - Recliner Bought this recliner 1 month ago today. We sold our old one last month because we were getting this new but we don't have much room in the living room because we are living room because we are living room because TV, couches, coffee table plus recliner are just too big for this place. The chair has probably only been sat in 5 times: Almost new, no stains, pet free & smoke-free home. It is dark brown. It has compartments under both armrests for storage or books. Cup holder. This is the serious deal. Chair and Pillows \$200 will take \$175 must be able to pick up. Please e-mail rkingslen@yahoo.com		Yokota - AMAZING LEAPSTER SET W/ 7 GAMES. \$120/make offer. Games have different difficulty levels and applies from 3 - 10 year olds. Over \$280 worth of stuff. Games alone are \$15-30 each! Barely used, still in its original box complete with manuals. Contact 702-946-5985		Yokota, Japan - Did you find a black wallet. Black ladies wallet w/ snap on 1 side and zipper on other last seen at Taiyo Jai 28 in the evening. Contains ID, driver's license and other personnel items. Please contact me, turn into Security Forces, or return to the Taiyo. Please call 12408455302		Yokota, Japan - Canon EF lenses i have the following for sale! Canon of 28 F/2.8 225, Canon 135-135 5.6 to 16.00. All three are in great condition. 70-200 comes with lens hood. Upgraded to new lenses so no longer in my bag any more. Contact 09037553434		Yokosuka, Japan - Team Losi Nitro 8T 1/8 scale RC Truggy I have a Losi 8T truggy that I am selling as comes with motor and GS 2.0 and MASH 427 that have been modified by Pro-MOD RC. It has a lot of extra parts, starter box, and glow igniter. You will have to buy radio gear and servos. \$300 OBO I am at Yokota will meet half way. Please call 720-257-6843		Atsugi - Disney VHS tapes. Over 30 titles. Please e-mail for titles. Buy 1 or the whole lot. Make an offer. dguem1@yahoo.com OR call Deb at 744-7499.	
Yokota, Japan - I am selling a GA-MA78GM-S2H AM2+AM3 motherboard. I purchased it in the summer. It is in like new condition and tested fully working. It will fit AM2+ or AM3 AMD CPU and features a 780G chipset. \$50 obo. Call 006048567979.		Yokota, Japan - computer chair Computer chair is in excellent condition. Adjustable height and arms. No stain, looks brand new, only used a few months. Asking \$30 Need to pick up. Thanks for looking grey color. Asking \$30 Please call 858-368-6874		Yokota, Japan - recliner Bought this recliner 1 month ago today. We sold our old one last month because we were getting this new but we don't have much room in the living room because we are living room because TV, couches, coffee table plus recliner are just too big for this place. The chair has probably only been sat in 5 times: Almost new, no stains, pet free & smoke-free home. It is dark brown. It has compartments under both armrests for storage or books. Cup holder. This is the serious deal. Chair and Pillows \$200 will take \$175 must be able to pick up. Please e-mail rkingslen@yahoo.com		Yokota - Brand New Nintendo Wii. Never opened..if interested call (949)258-6866 or 080 5968-625 250.00 OBO		Yokota, Japan - Selling Xbox games: \$3.00 each. Project Gotham Racing, SEGA GT 2002, AF Delta Storm, Brothers in Arms, End of Days, (Call of Duty disabled), Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell, Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3 (live online enabled). What a deal. Contact us now! My kids are trying to sell these so they can buy other games) Contact 901-273-9939		Yokota - SONY DSCF7171 CAM-ERA LIKE NEW Excellent condition. Pretty Easy to use. Comes with memory sticks, leather case, power cord, lens cap, Optical zoom camera. \$75 OBO. JASON HOME 713 490 0578, CELL 08032519808		Yokosuka, Japan - Edge 490 Recumbent Exercise Bike \$125.00. Located on the East Side, so you'll need a way to get it to your home. I cannot deliver, though it should fit in most trunks with the lid bungied down. Contact 404-478-4611		Miscellaneous	1040
Yokota, Japan - IMAC for Sale - Apple iMac OSX for sale - in great condition and works perfectly. We simply bought an upgraded version and includes speakers, mouse and keyboard. Asking \$100 Please contact Tim at trim17@yahoo.com or at home at 623-946-9265.		Yokota, Japan - sofa for sale! Light beige micro suede couch. 2 years old. In great condition, easy to clean we got all new furniture when we arrived at Yokota and have no room for it anymore, asking \$150. Must move yourself! Please call 407-373-1371		Yokota - Philips 10.2" DVD player. Brand new in box, never been used. Sells for \$205 in store. I will sell for \$180 plus almost anything. DVDs, CD-R, memory cards and flash drives. The reason for selling it is I got it for Christmas but I already have another one. \$200 obo. Contact 08031783849		Jewelry	610	PCSing to DYESS AFB, Texas, House for sale 125K 3bedrms, 2bths, 2 living areas, large kitchen, 1 workshop, 1 storage shed, fenced. Quiet neighborhood, minutes from Dyess. Shopping areas, downtown Abilene. MLS#: 11143632, further info & pict: gozer87@yahoo.com. Move-in ready: 20/Mar/09		Homes for Sale - US 864		Timshare for Sale, Orlando, FL. Sleeps twelve. Spa, pools, exercise room, restaurants, tennis courts, babysitting, Disney Land is 5 miles, and many extras. May use worldwide. Price is \$13,000. If interested please call 01086856113 (Osan) or e-mail at tori_tyme@hotmail.com		Yokota - Boxed DVD set, 24 Hours - Complete Seasons 1-5 Orig. \$220 -- ur for \$130 who's got it. Planet Earth - 5-Disc exploration from of seas, forest, mountain, etc. shot by National Geographic Orig \$65 -- ur for \$25 whole set. Friends -Complete Seasons 1-10 - I hate to see this go but am trying to get rid of excess wt for PCS move. Orig. \$249 -- ur for \$170. Contact 702-946-5985	
Yokota - The Print Shop Deluxe (Version 22) Opened the box and never got around to using the program. \$49.00 at the bx, selling for \$20. Jason Home (713) 490 0578, Cell 08032519808		Yokota, Japan - Sofa for sale! Light beige micro suede couch. 2 years old. In great condition, easy to clean we got all new furniture when we arrived at Yokota and have no room for it anymore, asking \$150. Must move yourself! Please call 407-373-1371		Yokota - Earrings for Sale!!! Pave the way in these 'of the moment', super-lux jewels. Gold & Crystal Square, Dome Pavé Earrings by CKS. For pierced ears. approx: 0.7x 0.7" 2.25" x 2.25" BO. Call 080-5186-5211		Outdoor Living	775	Yokota - Earrings for Sale!!! Pave the way in these 'of the moment', super-lux jewels. Gold & Crystal Square, Dome Pavé Earrings by CKS. For pierced ears. approx: 0.7x 0.7" 2.25" x 2.25" BO. Call 080-5186-5211		Pets	820	Sagamihara - Free rabbit. Comes with cage, food, etc. Please call 267-6802 or 080-354-6107, or email 458winmag@gmail.com		Yokota - ER Seasons 1-6 \$60. Only watched one time. Excellent condition. Paid at least \$30 per season. Contact 615-345-8867.	
Yokota - Wooden Computer Desk A Tan computer desk a few scratches but still in very good condition. \$65.00 OBO. Call 901-273-9956		Yokota, Japan - White sofa in great condition w/pillows, asking \$500 Please call 1-305-537-5255		Yokota - Silver Ipod Shuffle. \$25.00 Call 901-273-9956.		Yokota - X-Box 360 Headset \$35.00 Call 614-358-4902		3 bd/1 bath 1,460 square foot 2-story SFH for rent in Newport News, VA. Located close to CNU, Ft Eustis, Langley AFB, and Ft Monroe. Pets okay. Monthly rent is \$1,75. Please call Julie Zollner at 080-3381-6206, (cell) or 263-8437 (home).		Homestays/Apts for Rent - US	866				



Off Duty? Amuse Yourself!

Concerts, events,
TV, movies, music,
video games,
celebrity antics...

Get entertained with...

STARS AND STRIPES®

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Monday

AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.—Auto racing: NAS-CAR Nationwide Series, Stater Brothers 300 (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.—College basketball: Illinois at Ohio State.

AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College basket-ball: Villanova vs Syracuse.

AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.—NBA: Boston at Phoenix.

AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.—College basket-ball: Wisconsin at Michigan State.

AFN-Sports, 7:30 a.m.—NBA: Miami at Orlando.

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—Auto racing: NAS-CAR Sprint Cup Series, Auto Club 500.

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA: Detroit at Cleveland.

AFN-Xtra, noon—College basketball: Arizona at Arizona State.

AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—NHL: Pittsburgh at Washington (dld).

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.—Golf: PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—Cycling: Tour of California, Stage 8 (dld).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—College basket-ball: Wake Forest at Duke (dld).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basket-ball: Louisville at Georgetown.

AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—NHL: San Jose at Dallas (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.—College basket-ball: Kansas at Oklahoma.

AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.—Drag racing: NHRA, Arizona Nationals (dld).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—College basket-ball: Louisville at Georgetown (dld).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College basket-ball: Kansas at Oklahoma (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—Fishing: Bassmasters Classic, Day 3 (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Cycling

Tour of California

Friday
Solvang, Calif.
Stage 6

A 15-mile time trial in Solvang

1. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, 30 minutes, 40 seconds.

2. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 30:48.

3. Gustav Larsson, Sweden, Saxo Bank, 30:57.

4. Michael Rogers, Australia, Columbia-High Road, 31:02.

5. Jens Voigt, Germany, Saxo Bank, 31:10.

6. George Hincapie, United States, Columbia-High Road, 31:16.

7. Tom Zirbel, United States, Bissell Pro Cycling, 31:19.

8. Jason McCartney, United States, Saxo Bank, 31:21.

9. Stefa Clement, Netherlands, Rabobank, 31:23.

10. Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Columbia-High Road, 31:31.

Overall Standings (after 6 stages)

1. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, 24 hours, 12 minutes.

2. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 36 seconds behind.

3. Michael Rogers, Australia, Columbia-High Road, 46.

4. Jens Voigt, Germany, Saxo Bank, 1:10.

5. Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Columbia-High Road, 1:29.

6. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, 1:46.

7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 1:54.

8. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 1:59.

9. Christopher Horner, United States, Astana, 2:13.

10. Francisco Mancebo, Spain, Rock Racing, 2:15.

AP sportlight

Feb. 23

1938 — Joe Louis knocks out Nathan Mann in the third round to defend his world heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden in New York.

1960 — Carol Heiss captures the first gold medal for the United States in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, Calif., winning the figure skating event.

1980 — Eric Heiden wins his fifth gold medal and shatters the world record by six seconds in 10,000-meter speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. His time is 14:28.13.

1985 — Indiana coach Bob Knight is ejected five minutes into the Hoosiers' 72-63 loss to Purdue when he throws a chair across the court. Knight, after two fouls called on him, is hit with his first technical. While Purdue was shooting the technical, Knight picks up a chair from the bench area and throws it across the court, earning his second technical.

1987 — Seattle's Nate McMillan sets an NBA rookie record with 25 assists to lead the SuperSonics over the Los Angeles Clippers 124-112.

1991 — North Carolina becomes the first team in NCAA basketball history to win 1,500 games with a 73-57 victory over Clemson.

College basketball

Friday's men's scores

EAST

Brandeis 65, Emory 54
Columbia 70, Brown 57
Dartmouth 69, Penn 59
Fredonia St. 64, Geneseo St. 59
Green Mountain 66, Maine Maritime 61

Ithaca 113, Nazareth, N.Y. 86
NYU 80, Case Reserve 63

Niagara 70, Illinois St. 56

Princeton 58, Harvard 55

Union, N.Y. 84, Hobart 73

Utica 68, St. John Fisher 63

Yale 72, Cornell 60

SOUTH

Beloit 54, Kennesaw St. 39

Lipscomb 88, Mercer 67

Talladega 89, Fisk 66

MIDWEST

Augustana, S.D. 70, Mary 66

DePauw 85, Oglethorpe 58

Northwestern, Minn. 74, Minn.-Morris 63

St. Scholastica 68, Bethany Lutheran 58

Walsh 78, Daemen 58

SOUTHWEST

Angelo St. 51, E. New Mexico 47

Oklahoma Wesleyan 89, Haskell Indian Nations 70

FAR WEST

CS Bakersfield 63, Utah Valley St. 58

Great Falls 70, Montana Tech 61

Montana St.-Northern 88, Montana Western 67

Nevada 71, Va. Commonwealth 70

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with 2B Brian Roberts on a four-year extension through 2013.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed RHP Scott Feldman, LHP Matt Harrison, C Jarrod Saltalamacchia, RF Nelson Cruz, RHP Josh Rife, INF Joaquin Arias, INF Jose Valijo, RHP John Bannister, RHP Tommy Hunter, RHP Luis Mendoza, RHP Dustin Nippert, RHP Omar Poveda, LHP Kason Gabbard, OF Brandon Boggs, OF David Murphy and OF Greg Golson.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Tom Glavine on a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with 3B Ryan Zimmerman on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Assigned G Thom as Gardner to Anahein (NBADL).

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Trey Johnson to a second 10-day contract.

Women's National Basketball Association
INDIANA FEVER—Signed C-F Yolanda Griffith.

SEATTLE STORM—Re-signed C Suzy Batkovic.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed OT Vernon Carey to a multiyear contract extension.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed OL Billy Yates.

NEW YORK JETS—Released TE Chris Baker.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released LB Marcus Washington.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Jamie Lundmark from Quad City (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS—Reassigned F Josh Hennessy to Binghamton (AHL). Acquired C Mike Comrie and D Chris Campoli from the New York Islanders for C Dean McAmmond and a 2009 first-round draft pick.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned D Steve Wagner to Peoria (AHL).

COLLEGE
ARIZONA—Suspended freshman G Garland Jenkins and freshman F D.J. Shumpert for one game apiece for failing to meet team obligations.

HAWAII—Named Chris Tormey special teams coach.

LYON—Named Brett Parker men's soccer coach.

VIRGINIA—Named Ron Prince special teams coordinator.

Friday's women's scores

EAST

Brandeis 67, Emory 57
Canisius 61, Loyola, Md. 44
Columbia 88, Brown 57
Cornell 80, Yale 62

Dartmouth 55, Penn 36
Fairfield 68, Siena 57

Geneseo St. 71, Fredonia St. 65

Green Mountain 54, Maine Maritime 50

Iona 73, Niagara 52

Harvard 54, Princeton 50

Ithaca 50, Nazareth, N.Y. 49

NYU 74, Case Reserve 56

New Paltz 66, Potsdam 63

RPI 60, Clarkson 50

Skidmore 74, Hamilton 59

Union, N.Y. 70, William Smith 50

Utica 70, St. John Fisher 57

SOUTH

Alabama 5, SE Missouri 1

Appalachian St. 4, Jacksonville St. 3, 13 innings

Auburn 5, Elon 3

Barry 5, Flagler 2

Beloit 4-1, Illinois St. 2-5

Birmingham-Southern 15, Spalding 4, 7 innings, 10-run rule

Boston College 8, Stetson 7

Campbell 16-10, N. Carolina A&T 5-3

Clemson 8, Charlotte 3

College of Charleston 6, Miami (Ohio) 2

Delaware 10, Longwood 7

East Carolina 13, Monmouth, N.J. 4

ETSU 16, Evansville 10

E. Illinois 9, SE Louisiana 6

Florida 6, Louisville 3

Florida Atlantic 8, Fordham 6

Fla. International 4, Jacksonville 3

Florida Southern 9, Delta St. 1

Florida St. 9, Horttsa 3

Florida Tech 2, Bentey 0

Furman 4, Ball St. 3, 10 innings

Gardner-Webb 14, Canisius 9

Georgia 15, Youngstown St. 2

Georgia Southern 1, Presbyterian 1

Georgia St. 6, Cleveland 5

Georgia Tech 9, Lipscomb 5

High Point 5, Dayton 4, 12 innings

Indiana St. 12, The Citadel 8

Jackson St. 6-4, Florida A&M 2-7

Kent St. 18, UNCGreensboro 2

LaGrange 17, N.C. Wesleyan 3

Lenoir-Rhyne 24, Lincoln Memorial 3

Limestone 12, Erskine 10

LSU 12, Villanova 3

Louisiana Tech 15, Grambling St. 3

Lynn 6, Palm Beach Atlantic 0

Marist 7, Charleston Southern 4

McNeese St. 9, Houston Baptist 6

Miami 6, Rutgers 1

Middle Tennessee 19, Missouri St. 4

Murray St. 6, S. Dakota St. 3

Nebraska 4, La-Lafayette 3, 15 innings

New Orleans 12, Towson 11

Nicholls St. 15, Chicago St. 0

North Carolina 13, VMI 3

Oauchita Baptist 5, West Alabama 3

Rollins 3, St. Leo 1

Rowan 8, Christopher Newport 9, tie, 8

innings, darkness

Saint Francis, Ind. 4, Alabama A&M 1

Salisbury 4, Cortland St. 3

Samford 6, Kennesaw St. 5

Southern Miss. 18, Lehigh 1

Tampa 3, Eckerd 2

Tennessee Tech 5, Oregon St. 3

Tennessee Tech 8-14, St. Peter's 1-4

Tulane 6, LeMoyn 1

Tusculum 4, Mars Hill 3, 11 innings

UAB 8, Radford 7

UCA 10, Va. Commonwealth 2

UNC-Wilmington 10, Maryland 4

Valdosta St. 4, Nova Southeastern 3

Virginia 12, Bucknell 0

Wesleyan 12, West Georgia 4-2

West Florida 4, Quincy 1

W. Carolina 16, Bowling Green 8

W. Kentucky 12, Toledo 2

SOUTHWEST

Angelo St. 9, Pittsburg St. 4

Arkansas 4-7, Washington St. 2-5, 2nd

game, 10 innings

Ark-Little Rock 5, N. Iowa 0

Ark-Pine Bluff 6, Wile 3

Baylor 2, Pacific 1, 10 innings

BYU 11, Manhattan 10

Cameron 9-11, Angelo St. 7-21

Cent. Arkansas 11, Tenn.-Martin 5

Dallas Baptist 6, Binghamton 2

Hardin-Simmons 4, E. Texas Baptist 1

Incarante Word 4-7, Texas A&M International 2-3

Kansas St. 16, Houston 2

Lamar 1, Austin Peay 0

Northeastern St. 9-11, Tarleton St. 2-12

Oklahoma 17, W. Illinois 2

Oklahoma City 21, Briar Cliff 3

Oklahoma Baptist 13

Oklahoma St. 17, BYU 14

Oral Roberts 9, W. Michigan 7

Prairie View 7-12, Texas Coll. 6-6

Sam Houston St. 8, Creighton 6

St. Mary's, Texas 3-5, St. Edward's 0-2

SE Oklahoma 3-6, E. New Mexico

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24**Golf****Northern Trust Open****Scores****Friday**

At Riviera Country Club

Los Angeles

Purse: \$6.3 million

Yardage: 7,298; Par: 71

Second Round

Scott McCarron	68-68-132	-10
Tommy Armour III	67-67-134	-8
Steve Stricker	68-66-134	-8
Geoff Ogilvy	68-67-135	-7
K.J. Choi	66-67-135	-7
Pat Perez	69-66-135	-7
Rory Sabbatini	68-67-135	-7
Phil Mickelson	63-72-135	-7
Luke Donald	66-69-135	-7
Kevin Na	67-69-136	-6
Andres Romero	66-70-136	-6
Bill Lunde	69-67-136	-6
Dustin Johnson	66-70-136	-6
Rich Beem	68-69-137	-5
Marc Turnesa	69-68-137	-5
Kirk Triplett	67-70-137	-5
John Merrick	66-71-137	-5
Briny Baird	67-70-137	-5
Bob Estes	72-65-137	-5
Jim Furyk	66-71-137	-5
Ben Curtis	68-69-137	-5
Robert Allenby	70-67-137	-5
Fred Couples	67-70-137	-5
Matt Kuchar	70-68-138	-4
John Mallinger	70-68-138	-4
Ernie Els	71-67-138	-4
Richard S. Johnson	70-68-138	-4
Rocco Mediate	69-69-138	-4
Brian Davis	66-72-138	-4
Dean Wilson	69-69-138	-4
Hunter Mahan	69-68-138	-4
Kenny Perry	70-68-138	-4
Woody Austin	68-70-138	-4
Jeff Klauk	67-72-139	-3
Jason Bohn	73-66-139	-3
Ryan Moore	68-71-139	-3
Carl Pettersson	68-71-139	-3
D.J. Trahan	67-72-139	-3
Charles Howell III	67-67-139	-3
David Duval	70-69-139	-3
Jimmy Walker	69-70-139	-3
Kevin Sutherland	72-67-139	-3
Jason Gore	69-70-139	-3
Jeev M. Singh	69-70-139	-3
Retief Goosen	68-71-139	-3
Stuart Appleby	71-68-139	-3
Nick Watney	70-68-139	-3
Mark Calcavecchia	70-69-139	-3
Bo van Pelt	70-69-139	-3
Soren Hansen	69-70-139	-3
Brendon de Jonge	67-73-140	-2
Ryuji Imada	72-68-140	-2
Chad Campbell	72-68-140	-2
Angel Cabrera	72-68-140	-2
Daniel Chopra	73-67-140	-2
Joe Ogilvie	70-70-140	-2
Jeff Quinney	69-71-140	-2
Ben Crandall	72-68-140	-2
Tim Clark	68-72-140	-2
Brandt Jobe	68-72-140	-2
Brad Adamonis	70-70-140	-2
Charley Hoffman	68-72-140	-2
Chris DiMarco	68-72-140	-2
J.B. Holmes	73-67-140	-2
Bubba Watson	69-71-140	-2
Jerry Kelly	72-68-140	-2
Michael Letzig	70-71-141	-1
Graeme McDowell	70-71-141	-1
Charlie Wu	71-71-141	-1
Stephen Ames	71-70-141	-1
Scott Verplank	71-70-141	-1
Cameron Beckman	70-71-141	-1
Aaron Baddeley	70-70-141	-1
Mike Weir	70-71-141	-1
Bart Bryant	74-67-141	-1
Failed to Qualify	71-71-142	-1
George McNeill	71-70-142	-1
Todd Hamilton	71-72-142	-1
Steve Pate	71-72-142	-1
Steve Elkington	68-74-142	-1
Zach Johnson	73-69-142	-1
Johnson Wagner	70-72-142	-1
Steve Flesch	73-69-142	-1
Brandt Snedeker	67-75-142	-1
Troy Matteson	71-71-142	-1
Vaughn Taylor	70-72-142	-1
Bill Haas	69-73-142	-1
Steve Marino	73-69-142	-1
Billy Mayfair	76-67-143	+1
J.J. Henry	74-69-143	+1
Vijay Singh	72-71-143	+1
Chez Reavie	69-74-143	+1
Mathew Goggin	71-72-143	+1
Paul Azinger	67-76-143	+1
John Senden	71-72-143	+1
Peter Lonard	70-73-143	+1
Nicholas Thompson	71-72-143	+1
Jeff Maggert	71-72-143	+1
Michael Allen	69-74-143	+1
Tim Wilkinson	71-73-144	+2
John Rollins	70-74-144	+2
Justin Leonard	71-73-144	+2
Chris Stroud	71-73-144	+2
Tim Petrovic	75-69-144	+2
Shigeki Maruyama	70-74-144	+2
Padraig Harrington	72-72-144	+2
Will Mackenzie	69-75-144	+2
Alex Cejka	75-69-144	+2
Cliff Kresge	72-72-144	+2
Tom Pernice, Jr.	72-72-144	+2
Vincent Johnson	70-74-144	+2
Ryo Ishikawa	73-71-144	+2
Steve Lowery	72-74-145	+2
Eric Averbach	72-74-145	+2
Lucas Glover	73-72-145	+3
Kei Duke	73-72-145	+3
Ryan Palmer	74-71-145	+3
Jonathan Byrd	70-75-145	+3
Oliver Wilson	69-76-145	+3
Brian Gay	70-76-146	+4
Mark Brooks	73-73-146	+4
Ricky Barnes	73-73-146	+4
Matt Bettencourt	76-70-146	+4
Brian Bateman	69-77-146	+4
Jin Park	73-73-146	+4
Nick O'Hern	71-75-147	+5
Parker McLachlin	75-72-147	+5
James Nitties	76-71-147	+5
Kevin Chappell	75-72-147	+5
Nathan Green	73-74-147	+5
Mark Wilson	72-75-147	+5
Heath Slocum	72-76-148	+6
Kevin Streelman	75-73-148	+6
Harrison Frazar	73-75-149	+7
David Morland IV	75-74-149	+7

Johnnie Walker Classic**Saturday**

At The Vines Resort

Perth, Australia

Purse: \$1.81 million

Yardage: 7,104; Par: 72

Third Round

a-amateur

Trevor Immelman

70-79-149

+7

David Berganio, Jr.

72-77-149

+7

Bryce Molder

72-77-149

+7

Jeff Overton

75-75-150

+8

Martin Laird

72-78-150

+8

Tim Herron

73-78-151

+9

Corey Pavlin

73-78-151

+9

Jim Gormley

79-72-151

+9

Tom Lehman

76-77-153

+11

Brad Faxon

77-77-154

+12

Tournament

70-67-136

-6

70-67-136

-8

70-67-135

-7

66-67-135

-7

69-66-135

-7

67-70-137

-5

68-69-137

-5

67-70-137

-5

63-72-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

67-70-137

-5

68-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-135

-7

66-69-1



GERRY BROOME/AP

Carolina's Joe Corvo, left, and Tampa Bay's Ryan Malone fight for the puck during the first period of Friday's game in Raleigh, N.C.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	18	3	79	182	147
Philadelphia	31	16	9	71	185	164
N.Y. Rangers	31	22	6	68	147	163
Pittsburgh	28	25	6	62	178	182
N.Y. Islanders	17	35	6	40	140	198

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	40	10	8	88	197	131
Montreal	30	22	7	67	179	181
Buffalo	30	23	6	66	175	166
Ottawa	22	26	9	53	141	163
Toronto	21	26	11	53	175	214

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	17	5	79	196	170
Florida	29	21	8	66	164	159
Carolina	30	25	5	65	157	174
Tampa Bay	19	28	12	50	148	188
Atlanta	21	32	6	48	175	208

Western Conference

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	12	8	85	226	172
Chicago	33	15	8	74	190	140
Columbus	30	23	6	66	163	164
Nashville	27	28	4	58	141	163
St. Louis	25	26	7	57	165	177

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	34	18	6	74	184	171
Vancouver	29	21	8	66	178	168
Edmonton	29	25	4	62	163	179
Minnesota	28	24	4	60	144	132
Colorado	28	30	1	57	163	181

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	39	8	9	87	196	139
Dallas	29	21	7	65	173	176
Anaheim	28	27	5	61	168	175
Los Angeles	25	23	9	59	152	164
Phoenix	26	28	5	57	150	181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's games

Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 1

Colorado 4, Washington 1

Detroit 5, Anaheim 2

Saturday's games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

Chicago at Dallas

Ottawa at Montreal

Atlanta at San Jose

Phoenix at Los Angeles

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo

Boston at Florida

Anaheim at Columbus

Vancouver at Toronto

New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders

Detroit at Minnesota

Nashville at St. Louis

Calgary at Edmonton

Sunday's games

Pittsburgh at Washington

Colorado at Carolina

Boston at Tampa Bay

Minnesota at Chicago

Toronto at N.Y. Rangers

Monday's game

San Jose at Dallas

Friday

Hurricanes 4, Lightning 1

Tampa Bay 0 1 0-1

Carolina 1 1 2-4

First Period—1

Carolina, Staal 27 (Samsonov, Ruutu), 8:30.

Second Period—2

Tampa Bay, Prosap 14 (Halperin), 1:53, 3, Carolina, Jokinen 7 (Brind'Amour), 14:30.

Third Period—4

Carolina, Corvo 10 (Whitney, Samsonov), 3:38 (pp), 5, Carolina, Corvo 11 (Whitney, Staal), 4:17 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 1-8-4-13.

Carolina 14-11-16-41.

Power-play opportunities—Tampa

Bay 0 of 3; Carolina 2 of 6.

Goals—Tampa Bay, McKenna 2-3-1 (41 shots-37 saves). Carolina, Ward 24-19-3 (13-12).

Aug. 6—Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

A—17,711 (18,680). T—2:24.

Calendar

March 4 — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.

April 12 — Last day of 2008-09 regular season.

April 15 — Stanley Cup Playoffs begin.

May 25-30 — NHL Combine, Toronto.

June 15 — Last possible day for Stanley Cup finals.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

July 1 — Free agency signing period begins.

July 5 — Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration.

July 6 — Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration.

July 10 — Deadline for eligible players to elect Group 5 free agency.

July 20-Aug. 4 — Salary arbitration hearings end.

Aug. 6 — Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

NHL roundup

Conklin stars for Red Wings

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Ty Conklin has played so well as Chris Osgood's backup that the Detroit Red Wings can afford to give the struggling starter some days off to get his game together in time for the playoffs.

Conklin was close to the top of his game Friday night, making 24 saves for his 11th straight home victory, 5-2 over the Anaheim Ducks.

Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and two assists, Pavel Datsyuk added a goal and an assist, and Dan Cleary, Johan Franzen and Kris Draper also scored.

A career backup, Conklin is 21-7 with a 2.32 goals-against average, .915 save percentage and six shutouts this season, his first with Stanley Cup champion Detroit after leaving Pittsburgh as a free agent to back up Osgood.

Osgood, the starter in Detroit's

1998 and 2008 Stanley Cup victories and a backup on the Red Wings' 1997 championship team, was a healthy scratch and also will sit out Detroit's game Saturday night in Minnesota.

"I can't concern myself with that," Conklin said. "That's between Chris, the coaching staff and management. I'm behind Chris. He's my teammate."

Osgood is 18-5-7 with a 3.29 GAA and .879 save percentage, the worst among NHL goalies who have played regularly.

"We're trying to be proactive. We're forcing the situation," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "We're challenging him to be the goalie he's capable of being and get himself physically and mentally to the top of his game."

Avalanche 4, Capitals 1: At Washington, Ryan Smyth had a goal and two assists, and Andrew Raycroft made 28 saves to help Colorado end Alex Ovechkin's

points streak at 10 games.

Colorado won its third straight to give coach Tony Granato his 100th career victory, and also end Washington's winning streak at three.

Adam Foote added a goal and an assist, and Tyler Arnason and Wojtek Wolski also scored for Colorado.

Nicklas Backstrom scored for Washington.

Hurricanes 4, Lightning 1: At Raleigh, N.C., Joe Corvo scored 5-on-3 goals 39 seconds apart for Carolina, and Jussi Jokinen had the go-ahead goal against his former team.

Eric Staal had a goal and an assist for Carolina, 5-0 against Tampa Bay this season. The Hurricanes are ninth in the Eastern Conference, a point behind Florida and Buffalo.

Vaclav Prospal scored for Tampa Bay.

James scores 55 in Cavs victory

BY CHRIS JENKINS

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — LeBron James heaved a 33-foot shot through the net to beat the buzzer and headed into halftime with 25 points under his belt.

Turns out, he was just getting warmed up.

James erased the Cleveland Cavaliers' halftime deficit by scoring 16 points in less than three minutes to begin the third quarter, on his way to 55 for the night — one shy of his career high — in a 111-103 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday.

"Just got in the zone, man," James said. "I saw a few go down, so I just kept going at it, man. Every shot that I made tonight, every shot that we all made tonight, we needed."

James' big night was highlighted by his remarkable run in the first 2:50 of the third quarter, when he almost single-handedly turned a six-point half-time deficit into an eight-point Cavaliers lead. And he could have scored two more in that stretch had he not missed two free throws.

"It was almost like watching a video game," Zydrunas Ilgauskas said.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown fought the urge to cringe as James kept taking long-range three after long-range three, each shot seemingly longer than the next.

"I've just got to coach myself," Brown said. "I've got to make sure that I'm not overcoaching. And I just need to sit down, be quiet, and watch the show like everybody else."

As if that wasn't enough action for one night, Milwaukee's Charlie Villanueva was ejected after a heated confrontation with Ilgauskas in the fourth quarter.

Still, James was the main attraction — especially during Cleveland's 18-4 third-quarter run that began with Mo Williams' steal and layup. The rest was all James.

He banked in a jump shot, then made long three-pointers on four of the Cavaliers' next five possessions. James hit back-to-back threes, then was fouled on the next possession and missed both free throws.

On the Cavs' next possession, James connected on a three from the left side over Milwaukee's Richard Jefferson. Jefferson answered with a jumper, but James hit yet another three — this time from the right side, bringing the Cavaliers' bench players to their feet in a raucous celebration.

James' scoring spree wasn't over. After an offensive foul on Milwaukee, James hit a pull-up jumper from the wing with 9:10 left in the quarter, putting Cleveland up 69-61 and forcing Milwaukee to call a timeout.

James' scoring spree wasn't over. After an offensive foul on Milwaukee, James hit a pull-up jumper from the wing with 9:10 left in the quarter, putting Cleveland up 69-61 and forcing Milwaukee to call a timeout.



DARREN HAUCK/AP

LeBron James launches a hook shot in Friday night's game against Milwaukee. James scored 55 points in Cleveland's 111-103 win.

NBA scoreboard**Eastern Conference**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	44	12	.786	—
Philadelphia	27	26	.509	1½
New Jersey	24	32	.429	20
New York	23	31	.426	20
Toronto	21	36	.368	23½
Southeast Division				
Orlando	40	14	.741	—
Atlanta	32	23	.582	8½
Miami	28	25	.528	11½
Charlotte	22	33	.400	18½
Washington	13	42	.236	27½
Central Division				
Cleveland	42	11	.792	—
Detroit	27	26	.509	15
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	17½
Chicago	25	30	.455	18
Indiana	23	34	.404	21

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	36	17	.679	—
Houston	34	21	.618	3
New Orleans	32	21	.604	4
Dallas	32	22	.593	4½
Memphis	15	40	.273	22
Northwest Division				
Denver	37	18	.673	—
Portland	34	20	.630	2½
Utah	32	23	.582	5
Minnesota	18	36	.333	26
Oklahoma City	13	42	.236	24
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	45	10	.818	—
Phoenix	31	23	.574	13½
Golden State	19	36	.345	26
L.A. Clippers	13	42	.236	24
Sacramento	14	44	.214	33½

Thursday's games

San Antonio	83	Detroit	79
Utah	90	Boston	85
Friday's games			
Orlando	92	Charlotte	80
New York	127	Toronto	97
Houston	93	Dallas	86
Sacramento	112	Memphis	106
Washington	107	New Jersey	96
Indiana	110	Minnesota	105
Chicago	116	Denver	99
Cleveland	111	Milwaukee	103
Phoenix	140	Oklahoma City	118
Portland	108	Atlanta	98
L.A. Lakers	115	New Orleans	111, OT

Saturday's games

Philadelphia	at Miami
San Antonio	at Washington
New Orleans	at Utah
Sacramento	at Dallas
Oklahoma City	at Golden State

Sunday's games

Chicago	at Indiana
New York	at Toronto
Boston	at Phoenix
Denver	at Milwaukee
Charlotte	at Houston
Miami	at Orlando
L.A. Clippers	at Portland
L.A. Lakers	at Minnesota
Detroit	at Cleveland

Monday's games

Philadelphia	at New Jersey
Indiana	at New York
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's games

Memphis	at Cleveland
Minnesota	at Toronto
Detroit	at Milwaukee
Orlando	at Chicago
L.A. Lakers	at Oklahoma City
Portland	at Houston
Dallas	at San Antonio
Charlotte	at Phoenix

Wednesday's games

Philadelphia	at New Jersey
Indiana	at New York
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Thursday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Minnesota	at Toronto
Detroit	at Milwaukee
Orlando	at Chicago
L.A. Lakers	at Oklahoma City
Portland	at Houston
Dallas	at San Antonio
Charlotte	at Phoenix

Friday's games

Memphis	at New Jersey
Indiana	at New York
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Saturday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Sunday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Monday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Wednesday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Thursday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Friday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Saturday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers

Sunday's games

Memphis	at Detroit
Indiana	at New Jersey
Boston	at Denver
Atlanta	at Utah
New Orleans	at Sacramento
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers



PAUL CONNORS/AP

Cavaliers 111, Bucks 103

CLEVELAND — James 16-29 15-22 55, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Ilgauskas 5-8 0-0 11, Williams 8-17 4-23, Kinsey 2-5 0-2 7, Varejao 2-4 1-2 5, Szczerbiak 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 2-2 0-0 4, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Total 38-75 22-30 11½. **MILWAUKEE** — Jefferson 6-13 4-6 17, Villanueva 10-22 5-8 26, Elson 5-7 0-0 10, Sessions 5-6 2-4 12, Bell 4-3 3-4 15, Ridnour 1-5 0-0 2, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-1 0-0 0, Foulard 2-10 1-0 1, Milwaukee 32. Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-26 (James 8-11, Williams 5-6 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Ilgauskas 1-1), Milwaukee 10-21 (Elson 7-11, Sessions 5-6 1-1). Technicals—Ilgauskas 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Milwaukee 1-1. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva 1-1, Elson 1-1.

Cleveland 25 26 35 25-111**Milwaukee 27 30 21 103**

Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-26 (James 8-11, Williams 5-6 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Ilgauskas 1-1), Milwaukee 10-21 (Elson 7-11, Sessions 5-6 1-1). Technicals—Ilgauskas 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Milwaukee 1-1. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva 1-1, Elson 1-1.

Cavaliers 111, Bucks 103

CLEVELAND — James 16-29 15-22 55, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Ilgauskas 5-8 0-0 11, Williams 8-17 4-23, Kinsey 2-5 0-0 7, Varejao 2-4 1-2 5, Szczerbiak 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 2-2 0-0 4, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Total 38-75 22-30 11½. **MILWAUKEE** — Jefferson 6-13 4-6 17, Villanueva 10-22 5-8 26, Elson 5-7 0-0 10, Sessions 5-6 2-4 12, Bell 4-3 3-4 15, Ridnour 1-5 0-0 2, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-1 0-0 0, Foulard 2-10 1-0 1, Milwaukee 32. Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-26 (James 8-11, Williams 5-6 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Ilgauskas 1-1), Milwaukee 10-21 (Elson 7-11, Sessions 5-6 1-1). Technicals—Ilgauskas 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Milwaukee 1-1. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva 1-1, Elson 1-1.

Cleveland 25 26 35 25-111**Milwaukee 27 30 21 103**

Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-26 (James 8-11, Williams 5-6 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Ilgauskas 1-1), Milwaukee 10-21 (Elson 7-11, Sessions 5-6 1-1). Technicals—Ilgauskas 1-1, Varejao 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Milwaukee 1-1. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva 1-1, Elson 1-1.

Cavaliers 111, Bucks 103

CLEVELAND — James 16-29 15-22 55, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Ilgauskas 5-8 0-0 11, Williams 8-17 4-23, Kinsey 2-5 0-0 7, Varejao 2-4 1-2 5, Szczerbiak 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 2-2 0-0 4, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Total 38-75 22-30 11½. **MILWAUKEE** — Jefferson 6-13 4-6 17, Villanueva

College basketball roundup

Three Big East powers maintain logjam at top

UConn, Louisville, Marquette keep up hot pace

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Hasheem Thabeet had 21 points and nine rebounds as No. 1 Connecticut bounced back from its second loss of the season with a 64-50 victory over South Florida on Saturday.

The 7-foot-3 junior blocked six shots and showed no ill effects from a hyperextended shoulder when he was flipped by Pittsburgh's DeJuan Blair in the Huskies' 76-68 loss to the No. 4 Panthers on Monday.

A.J. Price had 11 points and Jeff Adrien had nine points and 15 rebounds for Connecticut (25-2), which reached 25 victories for the 11th time in 20 years. And, at 13-2, Connecticut continued to set the pace in the Big East, with Louisville (12-2), Marquette (12-2) and Pitt (11-2) the other league teams with but two losses.

Augustus Gilchrist scored 15 points for South Florida (8-18, 3-11) and Dominique Jones added 14. The Bulls, 0-7 against Connecticut, have lost four straight.

The Huskies played their third game without injured guard Jerome Dyson, their top outside threat, and were just 1-of-7 from three-point range. But that lone basket, by Price, made it 51-40, part of a 14-4 run that put the game out of reach.

The Huskies are still battling for a top seed in both the Big East and NCAA tournaments, with games remaining against No. 10 Marquette and Notre Dame, before a rematch with No. 4 Pitt in Pittsburgh.

The victory was No. 799 for Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun. He will get a chance for No. 800 on Wednesday at Marquette.

No. 7 Louisville 72, Cincinnati 63: Terrence Williams scored 20 points Saturday as Louisville got back on track and, perhaps, back into their coach's good graces.

Louisville (21-5, 12-2 Big East) has been smarting from a 33-point loss to Notre Dame on Feb. 12 that prompted coach Rick Pitino to confiscate their practice gear. They have won three in a row since, the latest effort ranking as the best of the bunch.

Williams, who was hobbled by a sprained right wrist for three games, showed he's fully recovered by scoring from everywhere on the court and starting a decisive 12-2 run in the second half.

Alvin Mitchell scored 14 points for Cincinnati (17-10, 7-7), which fell to 1-5 against ranked teams.

Maybe now the Cardinals can get their practice duds back.

Pitino purged the locker room of all Louisville-stamped practice gear following that stunning loss to Notre Dame. Instead of their snazzy white-and-red practice jerseys, the Cardinals were con-

signed to bottom-shelf apparel — plain shirts and shorts.

When would they get the duds back? When they beat somebody on the road. After dominant victories over DePaul and Providence at Freedom Hall, the Cardinals hit the road Saturday with their gear up for grabs.

Samardo Samuels, Louisville's 6-foot-8 freshman forward, provided a tone-setting moment with 13 minutes to go when he shook loose inside for a basket and drew a foul. Samuels missed the free throw, but Louisville got the rebound and went right back to Samuels, who missed a shot, got the rebound in a crowd and put it in for a 51-45 lead.

Williams had a putback and a three-pointer that stretched the lead to 60-51 with 8:37 to go, starting the decisive 12-3 spurt. A three-pointer by Preston Knowles made it 67-54.

No. 10 Marquette 78, Georgetown 72: Wesley Matthews scored 23 points, including a career-high five three-pointers, as visiting Marquette opened the brutal homestretch to its regular season schedule.

Jerel McNeal added 22 points, seven assists and six rebounds while playing all 40 minutes, and Lazar Hayward had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Golden Eagles, who committed only six turnovers and shot 48 percent from the field.

Marquette (23-4, 12-2) is chasing its first Big East regular season title, and the Golden Eagles will certainly earn it if they get there. Their final four games are against No. 1 Connecticut, No. 7 Louisville, No. 4 Pittsburgh and No. 24 Syracuse.

Georgetown was a top 10 team last month, but the Hoyas (14-11, 5-9) have lost seven of nine while grappling with their own tough slate of games.

No. 11 Missouri 66, Colorado 53: Leo Lyons, who missed Missouri's 45-point blowout of Colorado last month while serving a one-game suspension after his arrest on traffic violations, Lyons had 13 points and 15 rebounds for his third double-double of the season. Missouri (23-4, 10-2 Big 12) reach double figures in conference victories for the first time in nine years.

Michael Anderson Jr. added 11 points and Demarre Carroll had 10 for the Tigers, who won their sixth straight Big 12 game.

For a few minutes, it looked like this was going to be a repeat of Missouri's 107-62 rout of the Buffaloes (9-17, 1-11) fell behind 10-1 before rallying behind Austin Dufault, who had 15 points, and Cory Higgins, who added 14.

The Buffs, coming off a 46-41

loss at Nebraska that was their lowest point total in 49 years, were helped by some uncharacteristic lapses from Missouri as they kept this one from being a blowout early.

The Buffs got within nine points twice in the second half, the last time at 54-45 on Trey Eckloff's basket with 6:40 left. The Tigers responded with an 8-0 run to put the game away.

No. 21 Butler 75, Davidson 63: Gordon Hayward scored a career-high 27 points and visiting Butler took advantage of ailing, cold-shooting Stephen Curry to beat Davidson and snap a two-game losing streak.

Returning after missing the first game of his career with a sprained left ankle, Curry scored 20 points, but hit only six of 23 shots, including 11 misses in 13 tries from three-point range.

Appearing a step slow working off screens and missing most of his shots short, the nation's leading scorer also committed seven turnovers.

Curry got little help from his teammates and Butler (23-4) broke open a close game early in the second half to send Davidson (22-6) to its second straight loss.

Hayward had nine rebounds and Matt Howard scored 12 points for Butler, which avoided its first three-game losing streak in four years.

Curry, who came in averaging 29 points a game, was held out of contact drills in practice Friday. He emerged from the locker room 90 minutes before tipoff wearing a black and gray brace on his ankle. He looked fine in warmups, but when the game started he clearly wasn't 100 percent.

Navy 59, Army 54: Chris Harris scored 17 points and went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final 77 seconds as host Navy gained a season split with archrival Army.

Trailing for most of the second half, Army trimmed the deficit to 51-49 on John Moonshower's three-pointer with 1:31 to play. Harris responded with a pair of free throws for Navy. After Army's Marcus Nelson hit a layup to pull back within two, Harris hit two more foul shots with 12 seconds left to seal the outcome.

Moonshower's three-pointer at the buzzer served only to reduce the final margin.

Kaleo Kina scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Navy (18-9, 7-5 Patriot League), which avenged a 76-71 loss at Army on Jan. 25.

Cleveland Richard led Army (8-18, 4-8) with 14 points and Moonshower added 12.

Army led 17-15 at halftime after a first half in which the teams hit just six shots apiece from the field.



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Butler's Gordon Hayward puts up a shot during the second half of Saturday's 75-63 victory over Davidson, N.C.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



MILITARY LINGUISTS

YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

NATIONAL CLANDESTINE SERVICE CAREERS

Attention military linguists: The CIA's National Clandestine Service (NCS) is seeking highly qualified Language Officer applicants with foreign language and cultural expertise. NCS Language Officers engage in translation, interpretation and other language-specific functions in support of intelligence issues of critical importance to US national security.

Applicants must possess a high degree of personal integrity, a love of country, and strong interpersonal skills. All applicants must successfully undergo several personal interviews, medical and psychological exams, aptitude and language testing, a polygraph interview, and a background investigation. Following entry on duty, candidates will undergo job-specific training. US citizenship required. An equal opportunity employer and a drug-free work force.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.cia.gov

THE WORK OF A NATION. THE CENTER OF INTELLIGENCE.



Sports briefs

Dubai event fined \$300K for Israeli snub

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Women's Tennis Association fined Dubai Tennis Championships organizers a record \$300,000 after Israeli player Shahar Peer was denied a visa by the United Arab Emirates.

Also Friday, American player Andy Roddick said he wouldn't defend the title he won there last year.

"I really didn't agree with what went on over there. I don't know if it's the best thing to mix politics and sports, and that was probably a big part of it," said Roddick, who is playing in a tournament in Memphis, Tenn.

"It's just disappointing that reflects on a tournament that probably didn't have much to do with the decision," Roddick said. "Nevertheless, I just don't feel like there's a need for that in a sporting event. I don't think you make political statements through sports."

The WTA also took steps to compensate Peer and ensure she and other Israeli players won't be shut out of future tournaments in the federation.

Organizers said at the time that they feared fan anger over Israel's recent military offensive in the Gaza Strip would spill into riots if Peer were to play. The UAE and Israel do not have diplomatic relations.

Part of the fine — more than double the previous largest levied by the WTA — will go to Peer and doubles partner Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany to make up for the prize money they could have won in the lucrative tournament with a purse of \$2 million.

"I think what we hope with this decision is that we're sending a very clear message that we're not going to tolerate discrimination of any kind," tour CEO Larry Scott told The Associated Press. "We wanted to send a clear signal that this is the most egregious action the world of tennis has seen in recent history. And we felt that it should be at least double what the previous highest penalty was."

Dubai organizers also must confirm that qualifying Israeli players will get visas at least eight weeks in advance to remain on the tour schedule for 2010.

Stechert edges Vonn by 0.01

TARVISIO, Italy — Gina Stechert of Germany edged Lindsey Vonn by the slimmest of margins for her first World Cup downhill victory Saturday.

Taking advantage of an early start, Stechert wound her way down the Prampero course in 1 minute, 59.94 seconds. Vonn finished second, a paper-thin 0.01 seconds behind, and Anja Paerson of Sweden was 0.39 back in third.

Stechert, 21, had a previous best of fourth at Lake Louise, Alberta, in December.

"It's a little bit disappointing," Vonn said. "To lose by one hundredth is always difficult, but I still got points for the overall, and for the downhill, too."

Vonn increased her lead in the overall World Cup standings to 113 points over Germany's Maria Riesch, who finished

10th Saturday. Paerson is third with 960. Vonn also added to her lead in the downhill standings with 320 points. Dominique Gisin of Switzerland, who finished seventh, is next with 262 points and Paerson is third with 220. Three downhills remain.

Cuche wins World Cup GS

SESTRIERE, Italy — Didier Cuche of Switzerland won a World Cup giant slalom on Saturday for his first victory of the season and ninth of his career.

Cuche completed two runs on the 1-mile Kandahar Banchetta course in a combined 2 minutes, 49.57 seconds to beat Stephan Goergl of Austria by 0.66. Austrians Benjamin Raich and Romed Baumann were third and fourth.

Tim Jitloff of the United States posted the fastest second run and moved from 18th to fifth for his career best result. Defending World Cup GS champion Ted Ligety failed to finish and defending overall champion Bode Miller skipped the race.

Cuche won gold in super-G and silver in downhill during the just-concluded world championships.

Vickers wins pole, then loses it

FONTANA, Calif. — Brian Vickers thought he finally had some good news to override the controversy of the past week.

Vickers, 25, won the pole for Sunday's Auto Club 500, barely beating heavily favored Jimmie Johnson. But, about an hour after taking the sixth pole of his NASCAR Sprint Cup career with a lap of 183.429 mph, Vickers found out his team would have to change the engine in his Toyota, sending him to the back of the 43-car field.

He will still be listed as the pole winner, but will drop out of line when the cars start moving on Sunday and fall to the back, while Johnson, whose fast lap was 183.164, leads to the field to the green flag.

The pole would have been big for Vickers, especially in the wake of the Daytona 500 controversy that was sparked when Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Vickers collided, setting off a 10-car crash.

Vickers had forced Earnhardt below the yellow out-of-bounds line on the 2.5-mile Daytona oval and Earnhardt turned back up the banking and hit Vickers, igniting the multicar crash and much finger pointing.

Jamie McMurray was third at 182.653, followed by Kurt Busch at 182.556, Greg Biffle at 182.302, Jeff Gordon at 182.209, David Reutimann at 182.089 and A.J. Allmendinger, the fastest of the drivers who had to qualify on speed, at 182.048.

Tony Stewart, racing for his own Stewart-Haas Racing team for only the second time in a Cup event, was 11th at 181.901. Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth was 24th at 180.818.

Celtics' Garnett out 2-3 weeks

PHOENIX — The Boston Celtics said forward Kevin Garnett would miss 2-3 weeks because of a strained muscle behind his right knee.

Garnett returned Friday to Boston after

injuring the knee on the team's West Coast trip. Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said Saturday that team doctor Brian McKeon diagnosed the muscle strain after tests and an MRI.

Garnett injured his knee while going up for an alley-oop late in the first half of Boston's 90-85 loss to the Utah Jazz on Thursday. He landed gingerly and immediately motioned to the bench for a substitute.

McCarron beats darkness for lead

LOS ANGELES — With darkness rapidly descending, Scott McCarron saw enough of the 18th green from 211 yards away to realize it would be one of the tougher shots he faced Friday. Typical of the way his week is going, it turned into another birdie.

McCarron aimed his 5-wood toward the bleachers and watched it fade back toward the flag to within about 10 feet, a final birdie in his round of 3-under 68 that gave him a two-shot lead over Steve Stricker and Tommy Armour III in the Northern Trust Open. Phil Mickelson was nine shots worse than his opening-round 63, but it was easy to see the upside after a 72 put him in the group only three behind.

The last two groups finished in the dark, including two players whose PGA Tour debuts turned into short ones.

Ryo Ishikawa, the 17-year-old sensation from Japan, had a 71 to finish at 2-over 144 and miss the cut by three shots. Vincent Johnson, playing on the Charlie Sifford Exemption, bogeyed his last hole for a 74 to also finish three shots below the cut line.

American shares Johnnie Walker lead

PERTH, Australia — American Anthony Kang, the Malaysian Open winner last week, shot his second straight 5-under 67 for a share of the second-round lead in the Johnnie Walker Classic with Ireland's Damien McGrane.

Kang and McGrane (68) had 10-under 134 totals on The Vines Resort's composite course in the event sanctioned by the Australasian, European, Asian tours.

New Zealand amateur Danny Lee, the U.S. Amateur champion, was a stroke back along with Spain's Ignacio Garrido and Japan's Hiroyuki Fujita. Both shot 68s, as did American star Anthony Kim, who was in a group at 8 under.

Greg Norman, playing his first non-senior tournament since finishing third last year in the British Open, missed the cut with rounds of 75 and 71. Colombia's Camilo Villegas also missed the cut, following rounds of 72 and 71.

Fernandez, Pooley tied in seniors

NAPLES, Fla. — Vicente Fernandez and Don Pooley shot 4-under 68s to share the first-round lead in The ACE Group Classic. Jay Haas was a stroke back despite a two-stroke penalty for hitting a piece of pine straw in a hazard.

After hitting out of the hazard, Haas said it crossed his mind that touching the pine straw on his backswing might be a penalty for moving loose impediments in a hazard.

Haas hit his fourth shot to 2 feet, but then missed the putt. On the next hole, Haas talked to a rules official, who returned two holes later and told Haas that it was indeed a two-stroke penalty.

Wayne Levi matched Haas with a 69 on the new TPC Treviso Bay course. Bernhard Langer, Loren Roberts, Gene Jones, Dan Forsman, Fulton Allred, Mike Goodes and Jim Chancey shot 70.

Mountain West wants BCS changes

WASHINGTON — The commissioner of the Mountain West Conference met with congressional aides, lobbying for changes to the Bowl Championship Series.

In the debate over how to best decide college football's national champion, commissioner Craig Thompson said he plans to present a proposal to BCS coordinator John Swofford. He declined to offer details. The league also has hired a Washington lobbying firm.

Utah, a MWC member, has twice been shut out of the title game in the past five seasons despite undefeated records. "Technically, yes, we have access to the national championship game," Thompson said Friday. "Realistically, we don't."

The Mountain West also is not among the conferences with an automatic bid to BCS bowls. "We're going to take our stand, state our case and propose change," Thompson said. "You can't change something if there's nothing to look at to compare it to."

NHL suspends Kings' Gauthier

TORONTO — The NHL suspended Los Angeles Kings defenseman Denis Gauthier for two games without pay Saturday.

The punishment stems from a confrontation midway through the third period in last Thursday's 4-2 loss to the San Jose Sharks. Gauthier made contact with Sharks forward Patrick Marleau on an icing play. Gauthier was assessed a minor penalty for boarding. Marleau wasn't injured.

Gauthier will forfeit \$22,580 and will be eligible to return for Wednesday's game against Philadelphia. Earlier this month, Gauthier sat out five games after hitting Montreal Canadiens defenseman Josh Gorges with an elbow to the head.

IOC chief bemoans financial crisis

BRUSSELS — While the Olympics and other major events are weathering the financial storm, IOC president Jacques Rogge is worried about the smaller sports and poorer federations.

Rogge said Friday the economic crisis is hitting hard at the grass roots and national levels of many sports, with sponsorship, government subsidies and ticket sales drying up.

"I am receiving witnesses and calls every day from many countries in the world," he said. "They are telling me: 'In my country there is a big problem with local clubs, with national federations.' I cannot put a name on it, but there are many."

Rogge said fans are less willing to pay to see anything but the top-level events.

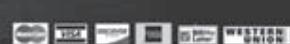


TIRE RACK
.com

RESEARCH **BUY** **DELIVER** **INSTALL**

PURE CONTROL

The traction you need to conquer the elements.
The confidence you want to find the tires that'll do it.



7101 Vorden Parkway South Bend, IN 46628
574-287-2345 ©2009 Tire Rack

MLB briefs

MLB wants to know who A-Rod pals with

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball investigators want to know whether Alex Rodriguez is still palling around with his cousin and a trainer from the Dominican Republic. The goals of the intended interview with Rodriguez were disclosed Friday by a person familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because MLB wasn't confirming the meeting.

The New York Yankees star has said his cousin injected him from 2001-03 with a banned substance obtained in the Dominican Republic called "boli."

The New York Daily News said Angel Presinal, trainer well known in baseball, traveled with A-Rod and the cousin during the 2007 season. Presinal has been banned from entering baseball clubhouses.

"I'm not getting into any of that," Rodriguez said. Speaking Friday at the Yankees' spring training complex in Tampa, Fla., Rodriguez said he expected the meeting will be in the Tampa area. MLB would like to speak with him before he joins the Dominican team early next month ahead of the World Baseball Classic.

Presinal, then a trainer for former slugger Juan Gonzalez, was questioned by Canadian Border Service officers in 2001 about steroids and syringes in a duffel bag, according to the Mitchell Report. Presinal and Gonzalez denied owning the bag.

MLB told Anaheim and Texas to deny Presinal clubhouse access in later years, according to the Mitchell Report.

Son of Yankees VP has steroid charge

TAMPA, Fla. — The son of Yankees senior vice president Felix Lopez was told to stop hanging out at the team's minor league

complex after senior management became aware he was arrested on a steroids possession charge in September 2002.

Felix Manuel Lopez III was seen working as a trainer with players at the Yankees minor league complex this month, performing tasks such as putting down cones for running drills in the outfield. The Yankees say he never was employed by the team and he was told by his father to stop showing up at the minor league complex.

He was charged with trafficking in illegal drugs and possession of controlled substance, according to a Hillsborough (Fla.) County Jail report that is available online. The substance was approximately 10 vials of liquid steroids, the report said.

According to the arrest record filed with the Tampa Police Department, police obtained several bottles and vials of unspecified liquid steroids as well as two boxes with six bottles of the drug GBL when they raided Lopez III's Tampa apartment Sept. 18, 2002. Newsday reported that Lopez agreed to a plea deal in which he received three years of probation for pleading guilty to possession with intent.

The senior Lopez is married to Jessica Steinbrenner, the daughter of Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

Damon not sure when account will be unfrozen

TAMPA, Fla. — Yankees outfielder Johnny Damon has no idea when he will be able to access his investor account, which has been frozen by the government because the company is affiliated with Robert Allen Stanford.

Damon and teammate Xavier Nady did not invest with Stanford funds but have investments with broker dealers whose accounts were with a Stanford company.



The Yankees' Johnny Damon, signing autographs during spring training in Tampa, Fla., has had his investor account frozen while investigators look in possible ties to Robert Allen Stanford, who is at the center of an \$8 billion fraud probe.

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

"It could be tomorrow or Monday. It could be a month or a year," Damon said Saturday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has frozen the assets of Stanford International Bank, Stanford Capital Management and Stanford Group Co. because Stanford is at the center of an \$8 billion fraud investigation.

"I'll be all right," Damon said. "I just have to deal with the process that they have to go through. I'm still good. Who I do feel sorry for is all the people who got caught up in this who actually did lose their money. My money is just frozen."

Hudson, Dodgers OK one-year, \$3.8M deal

PHOENIX — Orlando Hudson reached an agreement on a \$3.8 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who will use the former All-Star to replace retired second baseman Jeff Kent.

The deal is contingent on Hudson's passing a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Dodgers have not announced the agreement.

A .282 career hitter, Hudson had season-ending surgery on his left wrist during each of the past two years with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He figures to combine with shortstop Rafael Furcal to give the Dodgers one of the top defensive middle

infields in the major leagues. Hudson missed Arizona's final 21 games in 2007 after tearing a wrist ligament, then hurt it again last Aug. 9.

■ Former All-Star reliever Jason Isringhausen, 36, signed a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday. He served two stints on the disabled list last season and has not pitched since mid-August because of right elbow tendinitis and a partial tear of his flexor tendon.

■ Third baseman Joe Crede agreed to a one-year deal with Minnesota, filling a need on the left side of the Twins' infield provided he can stay healthy. Crede has had two major back surgeries in the past two seasons. He hit .248 with 17 homers and 55 RBIs last season for the Chicago White Sox.

Athletics drop plans for suburban stadium

FREMONT, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics are putting the brakes on a plan to build a new stadium in Fremont, just south of Oakland.

Team officials asked the city Friday to stop the planning process for a stadium, saying they want to look at options. The team has been considering a stadium and village next to a wildlife refuge.

But it has encountered opposition from residents who say it would create traffic jams and drive down property values.

Spring training

Mets' Murphy has some pretty big shoes to fill — his own

The Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — After making a rapid rise to the majors, New York Mets outfielder Daniel Murphy is still trying to convince himself that last season was real.

After playing one game with Triple-A New Orleans, the 23-year-old converted infielder received his call to the majors Aug. 2, just more than two years removed from Jacksonville University.

He batted .313 in 49 games and joins Fernando Tatís as the tandem projected to cover left field.

"At the end of the year, you look back and you are excited about what happened but never satisfied," Murphy said. "I went into this offseason thinking I want to win a World Series and I want to be a part of a team that wins a championship. That was my goal all offseason. Every time I went into the weight room, swung a bat or took a pop-up, that was it."

Murphy had to learn quickly in his rookie season. He had played just 285 games in the minors, and only four in the outfield.

The Mets were counting on his offense when they called him up to replace Marlon Anderson, who went on the disabled list because of a strained hamstring.

Murphy was one of the organization's

top hitting prospects after batting .308 with 13 homers and 67 RBI for Double-A Binghamton, N.Y.

The Florida native takes little credit for his immediate impact and said his biggest lesson learned was "just staying within yourself."

Murphy downplays his quick movement through the organization.

Just two years ago, he was preparing for his first season of professional ball with the St. Lucie Mets, for whom he played 131 games at his natural position at third base. Mets VP for player development Tony Bernazard saw the potential of the talented hitter and asked him to move to second base early last season, knowing that David Wright had a lock on third base.

Injuries to the New York outfield created a need for another position change, but Murphy jumped at the opportunity.

"My thought has always been I'll play wherever they want me," Murphy said.

■ Omar Vizquel is getting a new start. The 11-time Gold Glove shortstop signed a minor league deal with Texas and is going into his 21st season knowing the Rangers' plan — they want him to be a utility infielder and mentor to 20-year-old Elvis Andrus, also from Venezuela.

Vizquel missed the first full-squad workout Thursday because he got mixed up about the reporting date. He met Andrus for the first time Friday and they sat together for a long time at their lockers.

"I didn't even know Andrus is spelled like that. When I saw him, I said, 'Oh, this is Elvis Andrus,'" Vizquel said. "We've been talking about different things, the Venezuelan League, the kind of glove he uses, little things like that. I'm sure by the time spring training is done we're going to be clicking pretty good."

Andrus has never played above Double-A. But the Rangers were so confident that he'll stick that they moved five-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young, last year's AL Gold Glove winner, to third base.

Andrus wasn't even a year old when Vizquel, who turns 42 next month, made his major league debut in 1989. Vizquel's 2,654 games at shortstop are a major league record.

■ Even though the Giants' Bob Howry is no longer a closer, he still thinks like one.

"Just because you are not getting the final three outs doesn't mean that you are not coming in at a crucial time," said Howry, one of the most successful setup men over the past four seasons.

"Who knows? Who's to say the guy coming in the seventh and eighth innings is not going to face the 2-3-4 or 3-4-5 hitters in the lineup? It is still a critical point in the game if you have a lead to hold onto."

San Francisco signed Howry to a one-year, \$2.75 million contract to hold down the eighth inning this season, bringing his career full circle after the team selected him in the fifth round of the 1994 draft.

Howry left the organization July 31, 1997, in what came to be known in Chicago as the white flag trade, when the contending White Sox traded three starting pitchers to the Giants for six minor league prospects that included Howry and Keith Foulke.

Howry had 28 saves as the White Sox's closer in 1999. Since then, he has been primarily a setup man.

■ San Diego Padres catcher Henry Blanco said he's ready after arriving in camp Friday, a week after the rest of the pitchers and catchers reported. The 12-year veteran was tending to family issues in his native Venezuela. His first day of action included bullpen sessions and batting practice.

"It was a little delayed but it feels good to be back," said Blanco, who hit .292 with three homers and 12 RBIs in 58 games with the Chicago Cubs last season.

Boys: St. Mary's peaks late

BOYS, FROM BACK PAGE

ner," Yokota coach Paul Ettl said of the Titans, who entered Far East 14-12 on the season and went 1-2 in pool play before winning their last three games.

The championship was a chess match of the highest order, featuring six ties and eight lead changes, most coming in the fourth quarter. Neither team led by more than the Titans did, 7-2 early in the first quarter on Amritpal Warraich's three-point goal.

Unlike St. Mary's two regular-season losses to Yokota, "we did not turn the ball over," Titans coach Fred Sava said. During the season, "They go to a press every time we play them, we throw it away four or five times, game over. This time we didn't ... we got them into a half-court game and St. Mary's can play anybody in a half-court game. And we got lucky, and they didn't."

Fortune smiled on the Titans in the most fundamental of areas — the foul line, where St. Mary's shot 12-for-16 to Yokota's 7-for-15.

"Things didn't fall our way tonight," Yokota junior DeEric Harvin said. "It seemed like they made more shots than we could hit."

"We had trouble shooting. We missed a lot of opportunities early," Ettl said. "We shoot free throws well all season, and tonight we didn't. We also made some critical mental mistakes in the last couple of minutes."

One came with 1:30 left when Yokota, leading 33-31, was trying to run out the clock. Keron Brown missed a shot in the lane, St. Mary's Toni Taniguchi rebounded, was fouled and hit both free throws.

"We didn't want that shot," Ettl said. "We were trying to run it out."

Sean Durham's foul shot with 24.2 seconds left broke the tie and set up Nishi hit a foul shot for the final margin. Brown's 40-foot game-winning three-point attempt rimmed out at the buzzer.

"It looked good to me, but it came up short," Brown said. "I'm proud of our effort, but I'm not proud of the outcome."

E-mail Dave Ornauer at: ornyp@stripes.osd.mil



GREG HOLLADAY/Stars and Stripes

Above: Yokota's Antony Phillips (30) has his route to the basket blocked by St. Mary's defender Ken Tsunoda during Saturday's championship game. **Below:** Yokota's Keron Brown (42) bumps into St. Mary's defender Sean Durham. St. Mary's won 35-33.



Girls: Early hole costs Seoul American

GIrls, FROM BACK PAGE

and tied the game on Devanee Taylor's rebound of a Liz Gleaves shot with 1 minute left.

"I have to tip my hat to Seoul, especially Liz," Beaver said of the sophomore guard who "got them back into it" during Friday's rally for a 54-51 semifinal victory over Kadena "and almost got them back into it today."

Using its patented 2-2-1 zone press, the Vanguards broke out in front 17-8 after one quarter, as their defense dictated the pace and the Falcons couldn't find a shooting rhythm.

"We got ourselves in a hole

early," Falcons coach Billy Ratcliff said. "They had shots we weren't contesting. Those that we did contest, they hit. And we missed a lot of opportunities. I counted 10 missed points in the first half."

Finally, the Falcons came alive as the fourth period began, with a half-court trap and full-court press setting the tone. Gleaves misfired from deep, but Taylor's putback tied it 45-45, setting the stage for Long's and Cleope's heroics.

Long holds Faith's school records for three-point goals in a career, breaking Stauffer's re-

cord, and a season.

"She's our three-point queen, and she hit the biggest three-pointer of her career in the biggest game of her life," Beaver said.

The trap and the press "made a difference in getting us back into it," Ratcliff said. "But we came up short."

It was the second straight year the Falcons, 25-1 during the regular season, came up short in the Class AA title game. Seoul American won the championship two straight years, 2005 and 2006, but has finished third once and second twice since.

High school scoreboard

Boys Class AA

At Capps Gym, Yokota High School, and Samura Fitness & Sports Center,

Yokota Air Base, Japan

Single-elimination playoffs

Wednesday's games

Game 1—Yokota, Japan, 76, John F. Kennedy, Guam, 32

Game 2—American School In Japan 65, Father Duenas Memorial, Guam, 43

Game 3—Simon Sanchez, Guam, 37, Southern, Guam, 28

Game 4—Zama American, Japan, 50, Okkodo, Guam, 40

Game 5—Guam High 67, Nile C. Kinnick, Japan, 43

Game 6—St. Mary's International, Japan, 56, Kubasaki, Okinawa, 33

Game 7—Seoul American 60, Christian Academy In Japan 41

Game 8—Kadena, Okinawa 51, Faith Academy, Philippines 42

Thursday's games

Game 9—Father Duenas 37, JFK 31

Game 10—Okkodo 53, Southern 35

Game 11—Kubasaki 54, Kinnick 50

Game 12—Faith 60, CAJ 45

Game 13—Yokota 58, ASIJ 52

Game 14—St. Mary's 37, Guam 30

Game 15—Simon Sanchez 35, Zama 22

Game 16—Seoul 63, Kadena 39

Game 17—Guam 56, Father Duenas 50

Game 18—Kadena 54, Okkodo 39

Game 19—ASIJ 56, Kubasaki 28

Game 20—Faith 50, Zama 32

Friday's games

Game 21—Zama 35, JFK 29

Game 22—Okkodo 55, Kinnick 46

Game 23—Kubasaki 51, Southern 33

Game 24—CAJ 65, Father Duenas 54

Game 25—Kinnick 59, JFK 43

Game 26—Father Duenas 53, Southern

33

Game 27—Zama 57, Okkodo 45

Game 28—Kubasaki 66, CAJ 49

Game 29—Kadena 57, Guan 37

Game 30—ASIJ 47, Faith 37

Game 31—Yokota 52, Simon Sanchez

34

Game 32—St. Mary's 62, Seoul 36

Saturday's games

Game 33—Southern 39, JFK 33, 15th place

Game 34—Father Duenas 49, Kinnick 37, 13th place

Game 35—Okkodo 55, CAJ 46, 11th place

Game 36—Zama 46, Kubasaki 38, ninth place

Game 37—Guam 58, Faith 54, seventh place

Game 38—ASIJ 49, Kadena 34, fifth place

Game 39—Seoul 54, Simon Sanchez 49, third place

Game 40—St. Mary's 35, Yokota 33, championship

Awards

MVP—Toni Taniguchi, St. Mary's.

Team Sportsmanship Award—Southern

All-tournament team—Toni Taniguchi, Sean Durham, Ken Tsunoda, St. Mary's; Tali Kirby, DeEric Harvin (two-time selection); Yokota; Johnnie Hickson, Willie Brown (two-time selection); Okkodo; Zhi Bi Lin, Derrick Royster, Simon Sanchez; Seuan Eddy (three-time selection); Patrick Ward, ASIJ; Keio Lewis (two-time selection); Faith; Mike Jorgenson, Zama; Kevin Paranal, Kadena; Devin Roseboro, Kubasaki; D'Andre Weaver, Guam.

Saturday's summaries

Southern 39, JFK 33

Southern 15 2 12 10-39

JFK 13 8 8 4-33

Scoring—Southern, Joe Garcinas 9;

JFK, Sherwyn Oyardo 10.

Father Duenas 49, Kinnick 37

FD 13 10 14 12-49

Kinnick 5 10 12 10-37

Scoring—FD, Stephen Finao 12, Marvin Jose 12, John Ilao 11; Kinnick 10; Mike O'Brien 14.

Okkodo 55, CAJ 46

Okkodo 14 10 11 20-55

CAJ 10 10 11 15-46

Scoring—Okkodo, Brandon Cardines 19, Neil Apilado 11, Kurt Carter 10; CAJ, Sung Hyun Kim 12, Charlie Hancock 12.

Zama 46, Kubasaki 38

Zama 12 9 8 17-46

Kubasaki 8 10 7 13-38

Scoring—Zama, Daniel Dulay 11; Kubasaki, Krentell Key 13.

Guam 58, Faith 54

Guam High 14 22 8 14-58

Faith 14 18 9 13-54

Scoring—Guam High, Derek Wiltz 18, Carlton Meanweather 10, Derrell Brunner 10; Faith, Keio Lewis 21, Moriah Ginerich 18.

ASIJ 49, Kadena 34

ASIJ 11 8 19 11-49

Kadena 9 8 10 7-34

Scoring—ASIJ, Seuan Eddy 29; Kadena, Taiyo Robertson 15.

Seoul 54, Simon Sanchez 49

SAHS 12 10 7 25-54

SSHS 10 17 6 16-49

Scoring—SAHS, Joe McLean 15, Johnnie Hickson 11; SSHS, Derrick Royster 20.

Championship

St. Mary's 35, Yokota 33

St. Mary's 7 6 8 14-35

Yokota 4 9 10 10-33

Scoring—St. Mary's, Toni Taniguchi 15, Amritpal Warraich 12; Yokota, Keron Brown 10, DeEric Harvin 10.

Guam 58, Faith 54

Guam High 14 22 8 14-58

Faith 14 18 9 13-54

Scoring—Guam High, Bashira Daniels 16, ASIJ 46, Simon Sanchez 26

SSHS 5 7 0 14-26

ASIJ 13 15 6 12-46

Scoring—ASIJ, Gwen Thornton 15; SSHS, Shylah Salas 8, Kristine Redolozo 8.

CAJ 47, Zama American 42

CAJ 5 19 15 8-47

Zama 13 8 9 12-42

Scoring—CAJ, Lana Hollands 15; Zama, Elizabeth Powell 16.

GW 12 6 10 14-42

AOLG 8 10 8 6-32

Scoring—GW, Sandy Cruz 20; AOLG, Brianna Benito 14.

Kinnick 10 10 17 12-49

Yokota 12 11 1 14-38

Scoring—Kinnick, Shannon Jackson 17, Deana Hardison 13; Yokota, Erika Ettl 10, Shari Moss 10.

Kadena 65, Notre Dame 58

Kadena 12 21 15 17-65

Notre Dame 7 11 17 23-58

Scoring—Kadena, Javinia Riddick 17, Jasmine Taylor 14.

Championship

Faith 50, Seoul 47

Faith 17 11 11 11-50

SAHS 8 11 6 22-47

Scoring—Faith, Janel Long 15; SAHS, Liz Gleaves 20.



GARY CASHMAN/Stars and Stripes

Faith Academy's Janel Long (11) drives to the basket against **Seoul American's Maria Garcia** during Saturday's girls Class AA championship game.

Southern, Guam, 39

Game 5—Kadena, Okinawa, 48, Christian Academy In Japan 11

Game 6—American School In Japan 38, Zama American, Japan, 25

Game 7—Kubasaki, Okinawa, 40, John F. Kennedy, Guam, 39

Game 8—Seoul American 58, Guam High 32

Thursday's games

Game 9—AOLG 36, Simon Sanchez 35

Game 10—Yokota 54, Southern 40

Game 11—Zama 49, CAJ 33

Game 12—Guam 40, JFK 35

Game 13—Faith 58, GW 31

Game 14—Notre Dame 56, Kinnick 30

Game 15—Kaden 48, ASIJ 48, ASIJ 19

Game 16—Seoul 63, Kubasaki 33

Game 17—AOLG 43, ASIJ 33

Game 18—Yokota 55, Kubasaki 39

Game 19—Kinnick 42, Zama 35

Game 20—GW 52, Guam 38

Friday's games

Game 21—Simon Sanchez 30, Guam 32

Game 22—Zama 46, Southern 16

Game 23—CAJ 31, Kubasaki 27

Game 24—ASIJ 40, JFK 36

Game 25—Simon Sanchez 33, Zama 30

Game 26—ASIJ 40, CAJ 14

Game 27—Yokota 47, AOLG 42

Game 28—Kinnick 48, GW 51

Game 29—Faith 48, Notre Dame 34

Game 30—Seoul 54, Kaden 51

Saturday's games

Game 31—JFK 53, Guam 49

Guam 16 11 20 6-53

Game 32—Guam 6 11 17 15-49

Scoring—JFK, Catherine Aquino 20; Guam High, Bashira Daniels 16

ASIJ 15, Simon Sanchez 26

SSHS 5 7 0 14-26

ASIJ 13 15 6 12-46

Scoring—ASIJ, Gwen Thornton 15; SSHS, Shylah Salas 8, Kristine Redolozo 8.

CAJ 47, Zama American 42

CAJ 5 19 15 8-47

Zama 13 8 9 12-42

Scoring—CAJ, Lana Hollands 15; Zama, Elizabeth Powell 16.

GW 12 6 10 14-42

AOLG 8 10 8 6-32

Scoring—GW, Sandy Cruz 20; AOLG, Brianna Benito 14.

Kinnick 10 10 17 12-49

Yokota 12 11 1 14-38

Scoring—Kinnick, Shannon Jackson 17, Deana Hardison 13; Yokota, Erika Ettl 10, Shari Moss 10.

Kaden 65, Notre Dame 58

Kaden 12 21 15 17-65

Notre Dame 7 11 17 23-58

Scoring—Kaden, Javinia Riddick 17, Jasmine Taylor 14.

Championship

Faith 50, Seoul 47

Faith 17 11 11 11-50

SPORTS



LeBron scores 16 points
in less than three minutes,
finishes with 55, Page 26

DODDS teams fall in finals



GARY CASHMAN, ABOVE, AND DAVE ORNAUER, RIGHT/Stars and Stripes

Above: Faith Academy's Liz Hardeman drives to the basket against Seoul American's Liz Gleaves during Saturday's DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Girls Class AA (large schools) Basketball Tournament at Camp Zama, Japan. Right: St. Mary's International's Hayato Nishi protects the ball after stealing it from Yokota's Tajh Kirby during Saturday's DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Boys Class AA Basketball Tournament at Yokota High School, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Seoul American girls' rally falls short

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Thanks to sharp-shooting MVP Janel Long and the defensive wizardry of Lauren Cleope, Faith Academy returned to the top of the Far East High School Girls Class AA Basketball Tournament heap for the first time in nearly a decade.

Long snapped a 45-45 tie on a three-pointer with 24 seconds left and Cleope made a crucial steal of an inbound pass with 7.7 seconds left as the Vanguards held

off a huge fourth-quarter Seoul American rally for a 50-47 championship triumph Saturday at Zama's Yano Fitness Center.

"Lauren stole the ball! Havlicek stole the ball!" Vanguards coach Dan Beaver said, mimicking Boston Celtics announcer Johnny Most's call of John Havlicek's famous playoff steal April 15, 1965, against the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 7 of the NBA's Eastern Conference championship.

Faith's victory capped the first unbeaten season in Vanguards girls history at 42-0.

It was the fifth Class AA title in the past 13 years for Faith, but the first since 2000, when Vanguards assistant Julie Stauffer was Faith's point guard.

Faith also owns four Class A titles, and moved back up to Class AA this school year after its enrollment spiked past the eligibility cutoff of 300.

But Saturday's championship almost didn't happen, as the Falcons, who trailed 40-25 with 7:07 left, staged a huge rally

SEE GIRLS ON PAGE 31

Steal ends Yokota boys' title dreams

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Loose basketballs tend to spell trouble.

But to St. Mary's International senior Hayato Nishi, the loose ball in front of him in the closing seconds of Saturday's championship game spelled opportunity with a capital O.

"I just wanted the ball in my hands. I wanted to take control of the game," Nishi said of his steal with 12.4 seconds left that helped seal the Titans' 35-33 victory over host Yokota in the 60th Far East High School Boys Class AA Basketball Tournament title game.

St. Mary's captured its third Class AA title this decade, but its first since 2002 and the first one the Titans clinched on Kanto Plain soil.

"It's amazing. It's awesome. I can't put it into words right now," Nishi said.

The heartbroken Panthers lost for just the second time this season. They were the 20th host team to reach the final since 1982, but have lost all five of their opportunities on their home court. Overall, they're 1-7 in finals appearances since 1982.

"Give credit to St. Mary's. They peaked at the right time. They deserve the ban-

SEE BOYS ON PAGE 31



Big East standings stay tight as top teams win

Page 28

